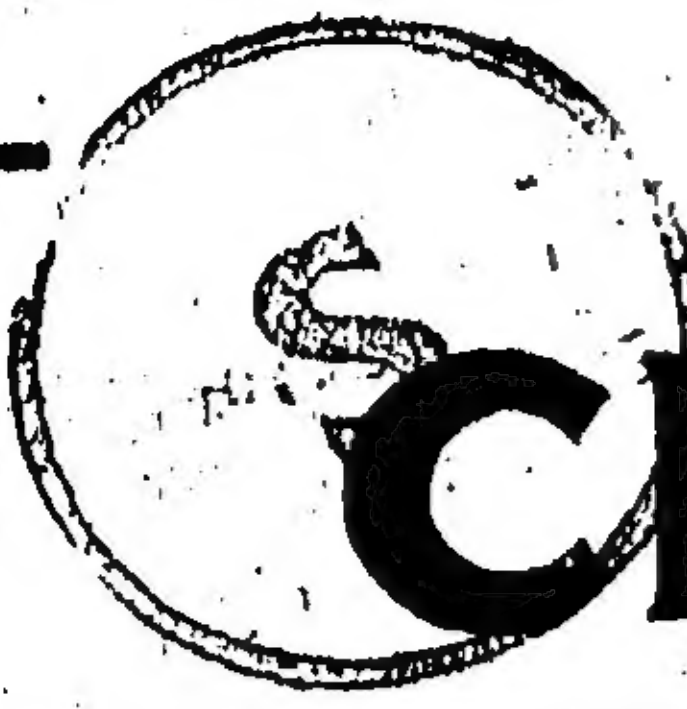


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Ceylon Surprise

THE Ceylon election results will come as a profound shock to many people. Not only has the electorate rejected most unexpectedly Sir John Kotelawala's moderate and widely esteemed United National party, but the left-wing coalition it has voted to power threatens to cut the Western defence chain stretching from the Middle to the Far East by denying Britain use of the bases at Negombo and Trincomalee. This is not the only shock: The Prime Minister designate says Ceylon will become a republic and he is doubtful of the value of staying in the Commonwealth. He also plans gradually to nationalise foreign-owned plantations, banks and insurance companies. It is to be hoped he does really proceed very carefully with this particular plan for there is a danger that by allowing nationalist fervour to obscure economic realities nothing very beneficial will come of the sweeping reforms proposed.

It would be a good idea if Mr. Bandaranaike conferred with Mr. Nehru first before he made any decision about Ceylon's future relations with the Commonwealth. Full national independence would not in any way be hampered by this association, the advantages of which cannot be too strongly stressed. But perhaps a fellow Asian like Mr. Nehru would have more success in driving home this point than a British cabinet minister or even a Lord Mountbatten.

It is said the language issue played a large part in Mr. Bandaranaike's landslide win. As a result Sinhalese will ultimately replace English as the official language. With this there can be no complaint although minority groups will tend to become even more isolated and their feelings of frustration can be expected to grow. Popular as the language appeal was however the vote reflects a trend that is today apparent throughout Asia. The only hope is that Britain will be as sympathetic to Ceylon's aspirations as it was to Burma's, India's and Pakistan's.

Why Not Hongkong?

THE Duke of Edinburgh is to make a world-wide Commonwealth tour after the Olympic Games in Melbourne at the end of this year. But though he is calling at various South Pacific territories he is not, according to present arrangements, planning to visit Hongkong. Perhaps it is making a lot of him to make such a detour, but since he is flying part of the way, could not Buckingham Palace consider allowing him a quick trip north to enjoy a week of Hongkong's cool dry winter weather?

Other Royal visitors, among them the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Kent, have visited the Colony in past years. For Hongkong, isolated as it is on the Far Eastern perimeter of the Commonwealth circle, these visits serve the important purpose of impressing on our population the concept of the Commonwealth family and the symbol of unity that binds many different countries and people together under the crown.

Living as far as we do from Home it would be unreasonable to ask the Queen to make a special visit here, but when the Duke plans to pass a few thousand miles to the south, it is perhaps not too much to ask such a hardy traveller to consider this oriental interlude. But he should understand that the cool change we offer him will, of course, be offset by the very warmest of welcomes.

DRAMATIC PROTEST BY B & K

Dissatisfied With Itinerary Of Visit To Britain

NOT ENOUGH CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE Make Public Statement

Moscow, Apr. 8.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev declared today that there were "some forces" in England which "do not want to permit wider contacts between Soviet leaders and the British people."

In a statement to the official Soviet news agency Tass, they said they had been unable to accept invitations by "hospitable British citizens" on their forthcoming visit to Britain because the programme set out by the British government did not permit it.

They'll Make A Gold Loan Offer Says Paper

London, Apr. 8.

The Sunday Dispatch reported today that the visiting Soviet leaders, Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, are "likely" to offer dollar-short Britain a big gold loan. The Dispatch's diplomatic correspondent said it would be "part of a £100,000,000 two-way trade pact."

In return, they will ask for a drastic cut in the materials that, for security reasons, are banned from export to Iron Curtain countries, the Dispatch said. It said the Russian leaders also were expected to put forward a new Anglo-Soviet "friendship" pact and otherwise "do their utmost to cash in on the successes Mr. Malenkov has had in his three-week tour of Britain."—United Press.

REFUGEES DEMONSTRATE

London, Apr. 8.

Several hundred refugees and exiles from Communist countries today staged a procession through the main streets of Nottingham to protest against the visit to Britain of Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev.

The demonstrators, many of them wearing their national costumes, came from the Ukraine, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Premier Bulganin and Communist Party First Secretary Khrushchev are due in London on April 18.—France-Press.

FRESH OUTRAGES IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Apr. 8.

Security guards opened fire over the heads of Cypriot Greek demonstrators tonight when the demonstrators surrounded the police station of Evrykhou, a suburb of Nicosia.

First official reports said there were no casualties. It was not immediately known what caused the hostile crowd to gather.

A bomb exploded outside a coffee shop at Kholmakos village, two miles north of Paphos on the west coast, seriously wounding a Greek Cypriot.

It was not known whether he was the object of the attack. A gunman using a crowd of Sunday-strollers as a shield opened fire on a British army post in Nicosia today.

No one was injured in the brief flurry of shooting, which came as hundreds of Greek and Turkish Cypriots strolled through Metaxas Square in the after-lunch promenade.

The troops in the post promptly trained their Bren guns on the square as the crowd scattered. But the gunman, using the milling crowd as a shield, escaped down a side-street and the Britons did not open fire.

Police and troops cordoned off the square in an effort to track down the gunman, but were apparently too late.

A home-made bomb was thrown at a British army patrol in Famagusta this morning but failed to explode. Two youths believed to have thrown it ran away and managed to elude pursuing security forces.

Two grenades also were hurled at a jeep-load of commandos in Ktima, but only one went off. It damaged the door of a house but caused no casualties.

—United Press.

—United Press.

The two leaders said that though Britain had agreed to them extending their stay by two days "the programme still did not include visits to enterprises and institutions in Scotland and Wales and meetings with the population."

The statement said this "arouses regret."

The statement was made only one day after the return to Moscow of Mr. Georgi Malenkov, the former Soviet Premier, from his three-week visit to Britain.

On his return Mr. Malenkov spoke warmly of his meetings with ordinary people, which he said was the "dearest impression" he brought back with him.

It was believed in Moscow that Mr. Malenkov's report on his trip and his tales of being warmly received by ordinary people might well have caused his two seniors to take a stronger line in their demand for personal contact.

Only last Wednesday, the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, visited Marshal Bulganin in the Kremlin to hand over the British reply to the Soviet request for a change in the programme.

It had been understood that Marshal Bulganin had accepted the British view that it was too late to make changes now.

Malenkov's Success

Ten days ago a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman gave a British reporter details of the programme which were substantially the same as those announced in the House of Commons by Sir Anthony Eden.

This programme was the one "agreed between the two governments," the spokesman said.

It was therefore believed that the Soviet leaders decided to press the matter only after they had seen Mr. Malenkov's success.

It had always been expected that Mr. Khrushchev and Marshal Bulganin would try to repeat the success of their tour of India and Burma, which depended largely on being in direct contact with crowds who came to see them.

A British Embassy spokesman declined comment on the Tass statement. But he said there had been no further contact between the British Ambassador and the Soviet Premier since last Wednesday.

What They Want

Arrangements had been made for the Soviet leaders to meet members of the British government and other public figures but, at the same time, they would greatly like to meet ordinary people working in factories and other enterprises "since they consider such meetings as one of the important means of strengthening friendly relations between the British and Soviet people," Tass said.

Many letters have been addressed to Marshal Bulganin, Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Jacob Malin, the Soviet Ambassador in London, from organisations and private individuals in Britain, inviting them to visit their place of work or their homes.

The Soviet leaders said the basic programme drawn up by British authorities included visits to industrial and agricultural enterprises, including those in Scotland and Wales.

They said British authorities had agreed to their request for a two-day extension of their visit, but the programme will not include visits to factories and institutions in (Cont'd. on back page, Col. 5)

US TO MAKE IMPORTANT AID OFFER TO THE BAGHDAD PACT COUNTRIES

By DAVID SHEAR

Washington, Apr. 8.

The United States will shortly offer economic and technical aid to the Baghdad pact countries for regional development schemes, authoritative sources said here today.

Mr. Loy Henderson, deputy Under-Secretary of State, will make this proposal at the pact's meeting in Teheran which starts on April 16.

Officials here said this decision had been taken within the last two or three weeks and represented new evidence of the United States desire to support the "northern tier" pact to the fullest extent short of actual membership.

Up to now, United States aid to Middle East countries has been on a bilateral basis and could thus support only national schemes within each country's borders.

The new aid offer to the Baghdad pact group as a whole—its members are Britain, Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan—would provide support for regional projects, such as irrigation schemes, which straddle national frontiers, but officials stressed that the decision was no more than one in principle at present.—Reuter.

MORE COMMANDO RAIDS ON ISRAEL

Jerusalem, Apr. 8.

An Israeli military spokesman said tonight that Egyptian Faddayeen (Commandos) had renewed attacks today in southern Israel.

Jordan infiltrators had also carried out an attack in east Israel, he said.

In the past 24 hours hand grenades had been hurled into two buildings at Sahir settlement, north of Ashkelon, the scene of yesterday's attacks. One person had been wounded, he said.

At the same time Jordan infiltrators attacked road traffic near Ein Hashofet settlement, north of the Jordan town of Toukarem, wounding an Israeli motor cyclist.

UN DEMAND

United Nations' truce headquarters reported tonight that General Burns had demanded that the Egyptian government take steps to halt infiltrators crossing into Israel and carrying out hostile acts.

The demand was made in a communication to Mahmoud Fawzi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister.

A communique by the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation tonight said teams of United Nations observers had investigated five attacks on Israeli territory last night by "groups of infiltrators."

The observers, it said, interrogated and took statements from 15 people wounded in the attacks.

The communique said the investigations were proceeding.

MOSCOW COMMENT

Moscow Radio said today that "the Soviet Union is anxious that peace should be preserved in the Middle East."

The radio declared the countries of the Middle East should have themselves "adjusted their differences" if the Western powers had kept out of their affairs.

"But leading Western powers are afraid to lose their colonial privileges there and particularly

Saves Life By Clinging To Stones

Sydney, Apr. 8.

A frail 73-year-old woman was saved from drowning by clinging to stones at the side of a 30-foot well which she fell into near her home at Coorabong, New South Wales.

The woman, Mrs. Nellie Piper, held on for 45 minutes until her screams for help were heard and a rope was lowered to her. The water in the well was 12 feet deep.—China Mail Special.

Failed To Win A Single Seat

Colombo, Apr. 8.

The ruling United National Party failed to win a single seat of the 23 contested in yesterday's second round of the Ceylon general election and tonight had lost all hope of returning to power.

The Party's strength remained at eight which it won in the polling on April 5. Its losses so far total 39.

The Mahajana Eksath Peramuna, led by Mr. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, emerged as the largest single party so far with 42 seats out of the 65 declared. The Trotskyite Nava Lanka (Santa Sam) Party, which took over second place from the ruling party last night, held 11 seats, the Communist Party two, and Independents two.

IN COMMAND

The three main opposition parties between them already command 55 out of 65 elective seats—four more than are required to form a government—at the end of the second round of polling.

Folling for the last 30 seats will take place on April 10. Contestants for that day will include the MEP leader, Mr. Bandaranaike, the Trotskyite leader, Dr. N. M. Perera, and the Food and Agriculture Minister, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene.—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE

Victoria, B.C., Apr. 8.

A short, sharp earthquake hit Victoria and Southern Vancouver Island this afternoon.

It lasted about 20 seconds and shook houses in the British Columbia capital and its suburbs, plus several small communities nearby. There was no immediate report of damage.—United Press.

PERONISTA PLOT SMASHED

Mendoza, Argentina, Apr. 8.

A Peronista plot to overthrow the Government of provisional President Pedro E. Aramburu has been smashed with the arrest of 116 persons, the Army announced today.

A communique said the conspiracy was thwarted by the roundup last week of warned conspirators. Peronists "collaborated" in the country and said all army troops have been alerted to watch for signs of subversive activities. The Army said that 44 Army men and 72 civilians are being

held in the local penitentiary. All except seven of the military men were released from service, it said.

According to the communique, the conspirators planned to attack military and police headquarters and public buildings here. The Army said the city of Mendoza was to be the centre of the rebellion and the uprising there was to signal similar outbreaks in San Rafael and Campo de Los Andes in the province of Mendoza; and in San Juan, capital of San Juan province.—United Press.

16-Inch Snowfalls In Parts Of US

New York, Apr. 8. Winter made a surprise come-back today, dumping up to 16 inches of snow on parts of the north-eastern United States.

New Yorkers hastily put away their spring hats and light clothing when cold winds swept the city and the streets became quickly covered with more than two-and-a-half inches of snow.

The storm, which the weather bureau failed to predict, knocked down power lines and disrupted road and air communications in many areas. The heaviest snowfall was 16 inches registered at Norfolk, Connecticut.

Towns in New York State, New England and Pennsylvania reported from 12 to 15 inches, with the snow still falling.

PUTS OUT FIRE

A wind-driven forest fire threatened to engulf Raton, New Mexico, today before heavy snowfall brought it under control.

County Sheriff J. W. Jose radioed his office from the scene of the fire that heavy snow and volunteer workers, using donated earth-moving equipment, had brought the blaze under control.

The first April snow in memory fell in Naples tonight, with temperatures dropping to freezing.

Snowstorms raged in wide areas of the Alps and the Apennine mountains.—Reuter and United Press.

"Corrections" To Be Made

Moscow, Apr. 8. Publication of the 38th volume of the Soviet encyclopaedia, which is to include Josef Stalin and his period has been postponed for three months, a well-informed source said yesterday.

The source said there were corrections to be made in certain articles.—France-Press.



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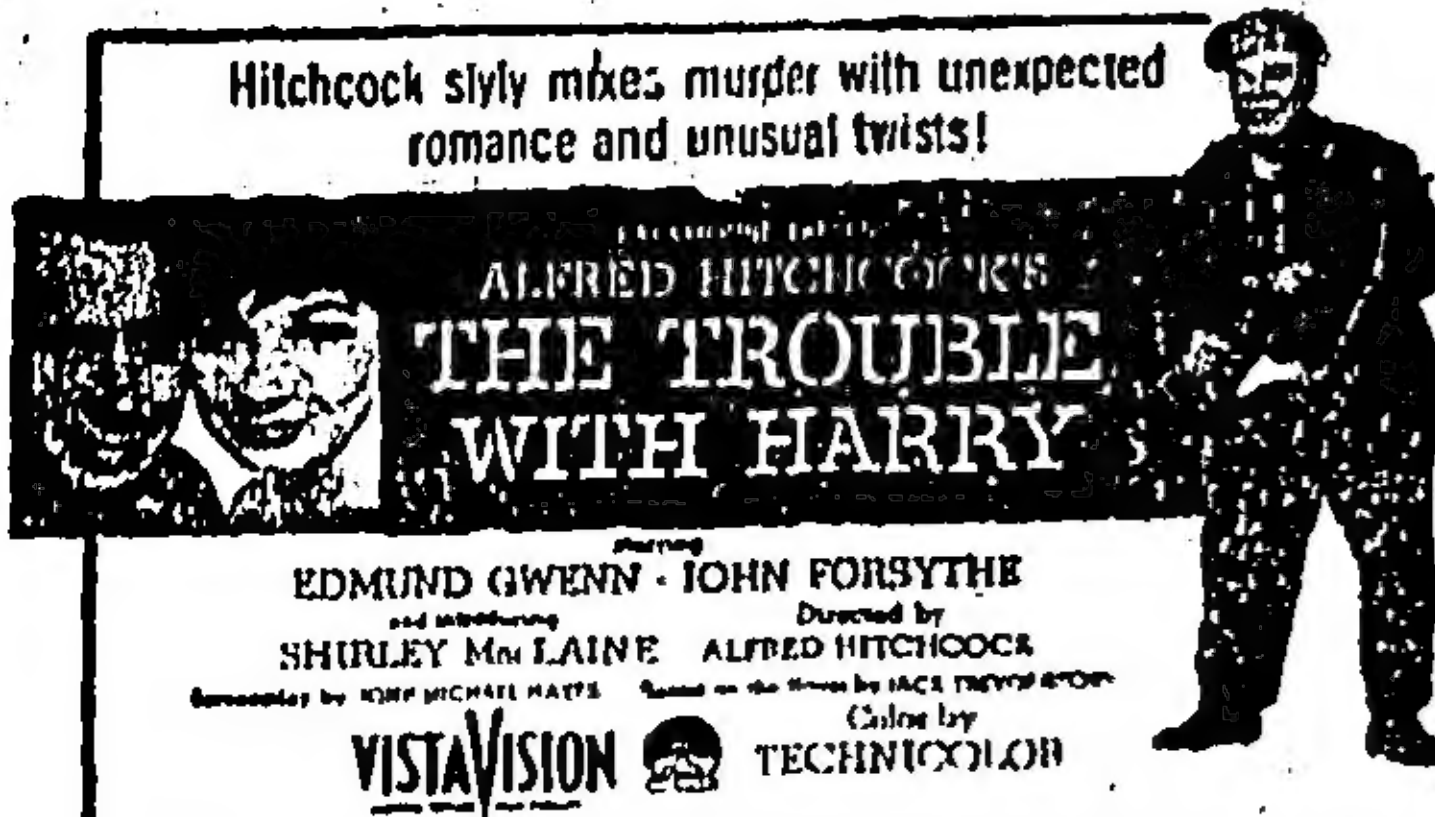
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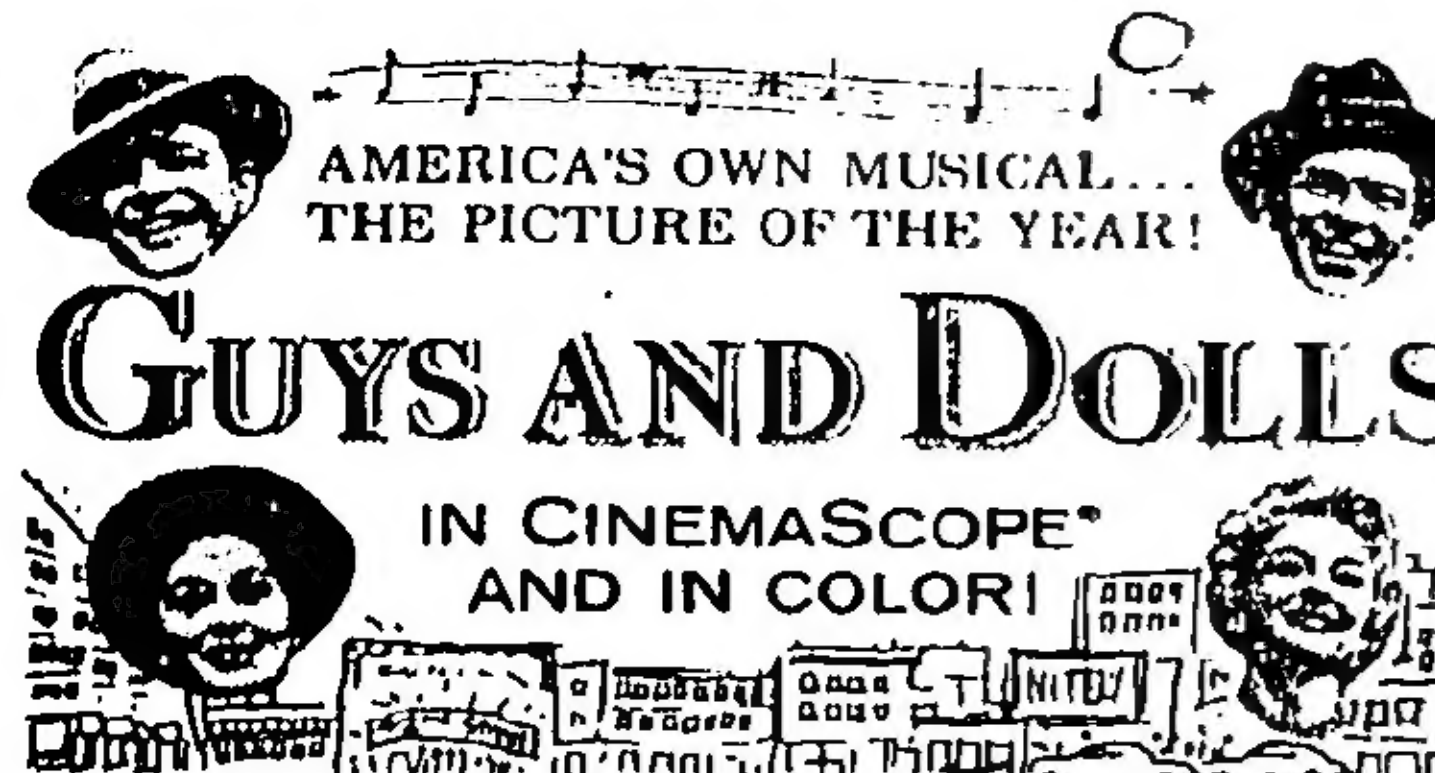
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STALIN-TRAINED LEADERS SURVIVE IN SATELLITES

Vienna, Apr. 8.

Stalinism is not dead despite the denunciation of Stalin and all his works by Nikita Khrushchev at the 20th congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

This belief has been growing stronger among observers in Central Europe, especially since the appointment of Edward Ochab to be first secretary of the Polish United Workers' (Communist) Party in place of the dead Boleslaw Bierut.

In support of this thesis they pointed out that the men still in charge of all the Soviet satellite lands were all Moscow-trained Communists of the Stalinist school.

Every one of them Matyas Rakosi, Edward Ochab, Walter Ulbricht, Vukko Chervenkov and Gheorghiu Dej was not merely a Stalinist but owed his whole career to Stalin.

Commissar

Ochab, it was said, was typical of them all. He escaped from Poland to Russia in 1939 and was schooled in Moscow.

He became Political Commissar of the First Polish Army fighting on the Eastern Front. In 1945 he was sent back by Stalin into Poland.

Although only an ordinary member of the Central Committee of the Polish Communist Party then he rose rapidly mainly owing to Stalin's praise of him as "a good sharp-tongued Bolshevik." By 1950 he was secretary of the Central Committee of the party and a full member of the Politburo.

He was prominent in the campaign against the Church which led to the arrest of Cardinal Wyszynski. It was obvious, observers here said, that he was being groomed specially for the party leadership while Stalin was still alive.

Personal Favourite

The same was true, it was pointed out, in all the satellite lands. Though Stalin was to be denounced his most outspoken disciples were not.

Thus Matyas Rakosi, first secretary of the Hungarian Workers' (Communist) Party, was another of Stalin's personal favourites. In 1949 he was in prison in Hungary but was exchanged on Stalin's orders for the battle flags the Russians had captured from the Hungarians in 1948.

Rakosi was trained in Moscow to bring Hungary under Stalin's subjection. At the end of the war in 1944 he was sent back into Hungary with the Red Army—Reuters.

US ENVOY REPORTS TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Apr. 8. Mr Charles E. Bohlen, US Ambassador to Moscow, arrived here today to give foreign policy players his first-hand analysis of the new anti-Stalin movement in Russia.

The veteran diplomat, regarded as the government's foremost authority on the Soviet Union, interrupted a vacation in Austria to fly here for urgent talks with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other Administration officials.

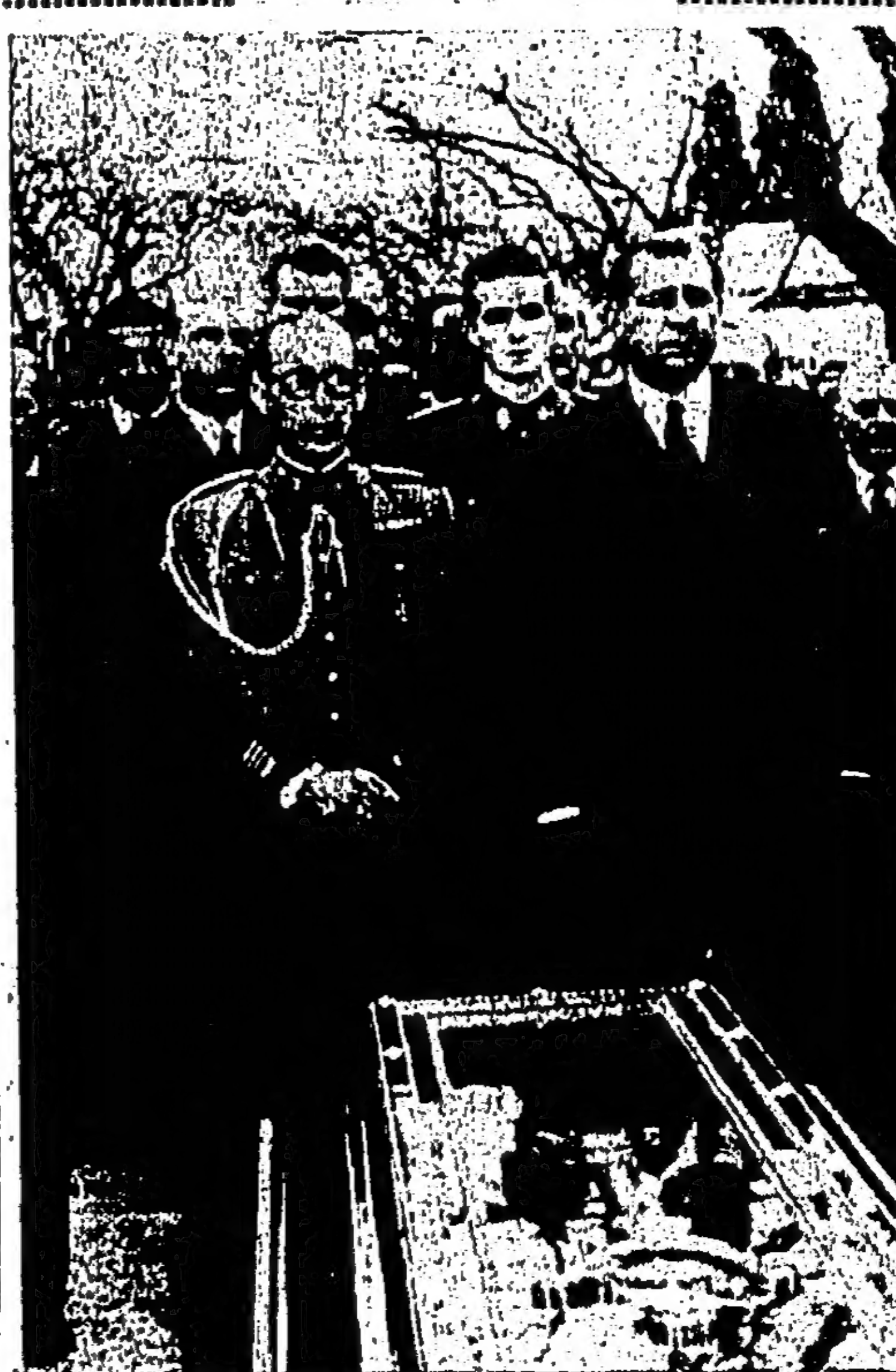
Mr Bohlen told a reporter he expects to see Mr Dulles tomorrow but said he did not know whether he would confer with President Eisenhower during his stay here. He is expected to be in the capital for a week to 10 days.

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Funeral Of Spanish Prince



Leading members of Spain's aristocracy attended the funeral of the Infante Don Alfonso of Bourbon, 14-year-old son of Don Juan, the Spanish Pretender. Don Alfonso was accidentally shot while cleaning a pistol with his elder brother, the Infante Don Juan Carlos, at their home in Estoril, Portugal. Wounded in the head, Don Alfonso died within a few minutes. Picture shows the Pretender, Don Juan, right, standing before the coffin in the cemetery, accompanied by the Infante Don Juan Carlos, who stands in uniform behind his father. Also in attendance may be seen ex-King Umberto of Italy and Colonel Benito de Franco, representative of the Portuguese Chief of State. — Express Photo.

Bourguiba Elected First Speaker

Tunis, Apr. 8.

Mr Habib Bourguiba, leader of the Tunisian independence movement, was today unanimously elected President (speaker) of the Tunisian Constituent Assembly—the country's first elected parliament.

The Assembly, which will draw up Tunisia's first constitution, was formally opened by the Bey of Tunis, Sidi Lamine, in the throne room of the Palace of Bardo on the outskirts of Tunis.

He was president of the Neo-Destour Party which led the campaign which brought about the end of the French protectorate set up by the treaty of Bardo in 1881 and restored Tunisia's independence.

New Government

The Tunisian independence declaration was signed in Paris on March 20.

With its new parliament, Tunisia is to get a new government.

The Premier, Tahar ben Ammar, will hand in his resignation to the Bey tonight and present members of his outgoing government at the Bey's palace in Carthage tomorrow morning.

Negotiations on formation of a new government will begin immediately.

Equality

Mr Bourguiba called on the Assembly to take example from other countries, without copying them, in formulating a constitution which should provide for "continuity of government and stability of institutions."

While Tunisia was an Arab and Islamic country, he said, "equality must be effective among all Tunisian citizens."

He called for Tunisian representation in international organizations and close links with other North African and Mediterranean countries.

Most Part

Mr Ben Ammar has offered to resign so that the government can be formed on a parliamentary basis.

The Bey is expected to call on Mr Bahl Lughtham, Neo-Destour Secretary-General and Vice-Premier in the outgoing government, to form the new government.

If not a purely Neo-Destour government, it will be largely composed of members of that party and of the Tunisian General Workers Union, which is Neo-Destour in sympathy. — Reuters.

NATIONALIST PLANE HIT

Paris, Apr. 8.

Chinese Communist anti-aircraft fire hit and damaged a Nationalist Chinese F-84 fighter over Pinghal, Fukien Province, yesterday, the New China news agency reported tonight.

The Nationalist plane, one of a reconnaissance patrol of four of the same type, flew off leaving a trail of smoke in its wake, the agency said. — France-Press.

28 REBELS KILLED IN ALGERIA

Algiers, Apr. 8.

A total of 28 rebels were killed today in a series of clashes with security forces in the Bougie area of central-east Algeria, it was reported in Algiers tonight.

Sixteen of the rebels were killed during a military operation at the village of Tarrast, four others in another military operation near Sidi Aich.

Two French soldiers were wounded when 40 rebels attacked a military post in the market place of Sidi Aich. The attackers were repulsed, leaving eight dead.

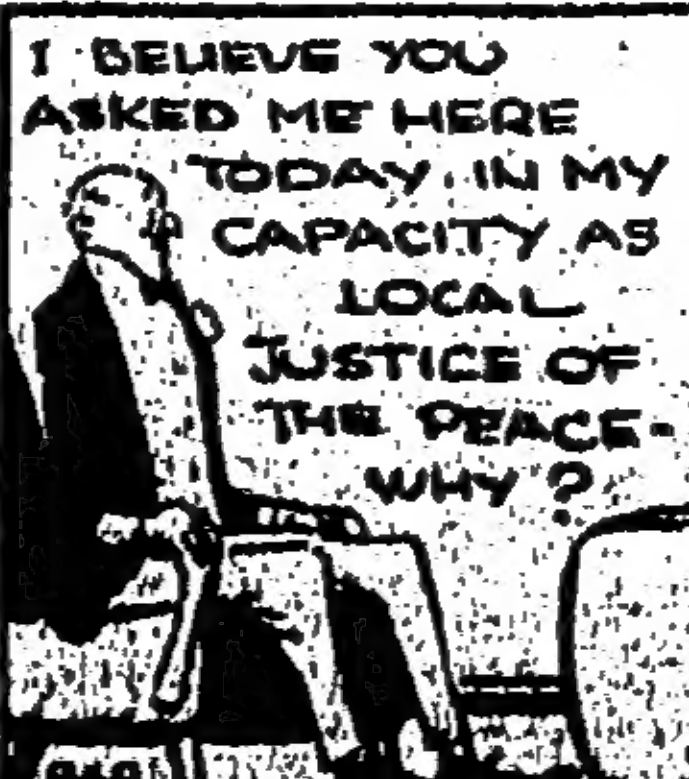
40 SUSPECTS

It was also reported from Bougie that the Muslim villagers of Irtabene handed over a rebel liaison agent to the French military authorities.

From Oran it was reported tonight that 40 suspects were arrested at Tlemcen, near the Moroccan frontier. Among them was a man accused of the murder of a forestry guard. Terrorists set fire to a stock of cork on the docks at Collo today and attempted to fire a store in Oran.

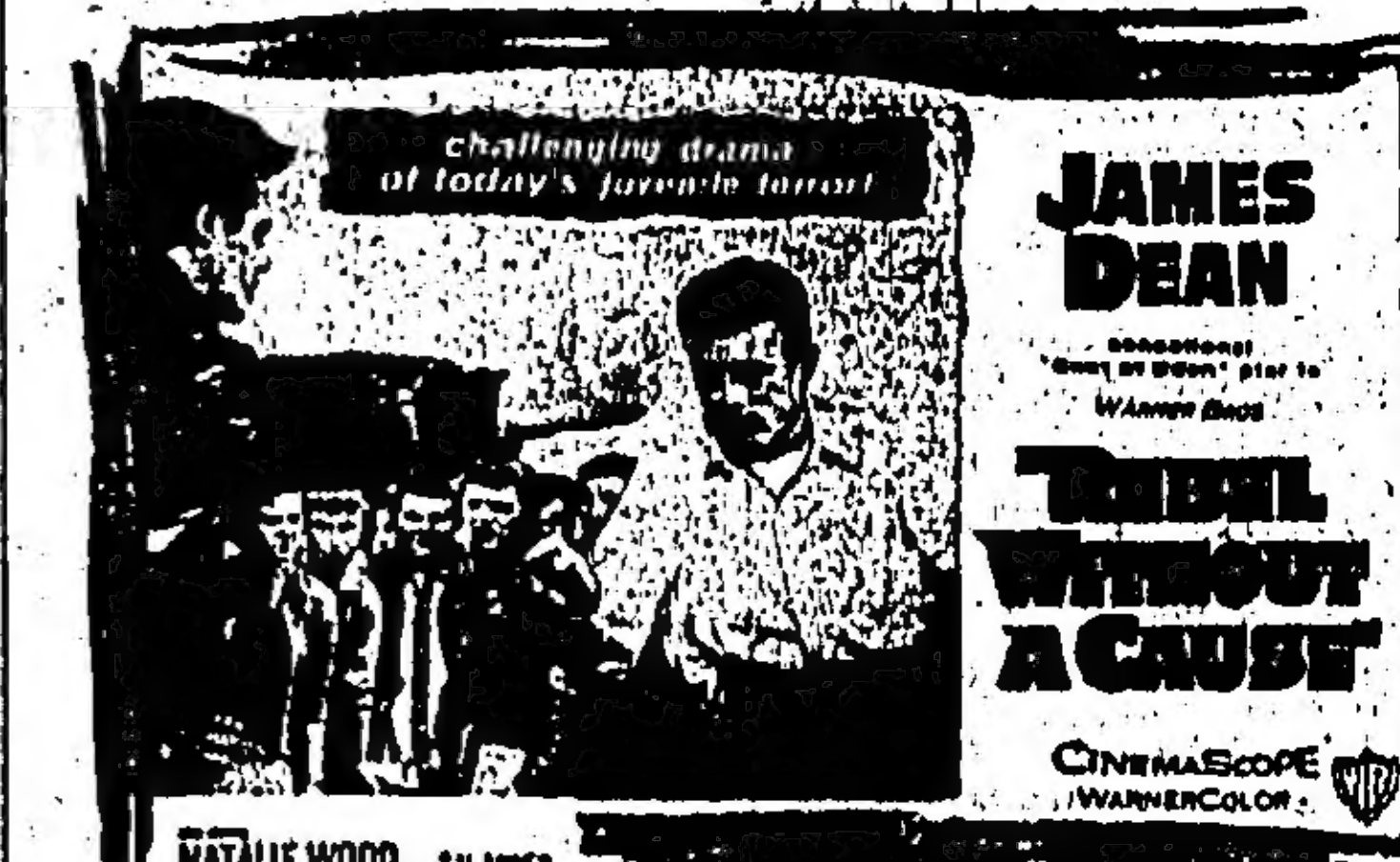
The second fire, which could have caused widespread damage was discovered and put out in time. — France-Press.

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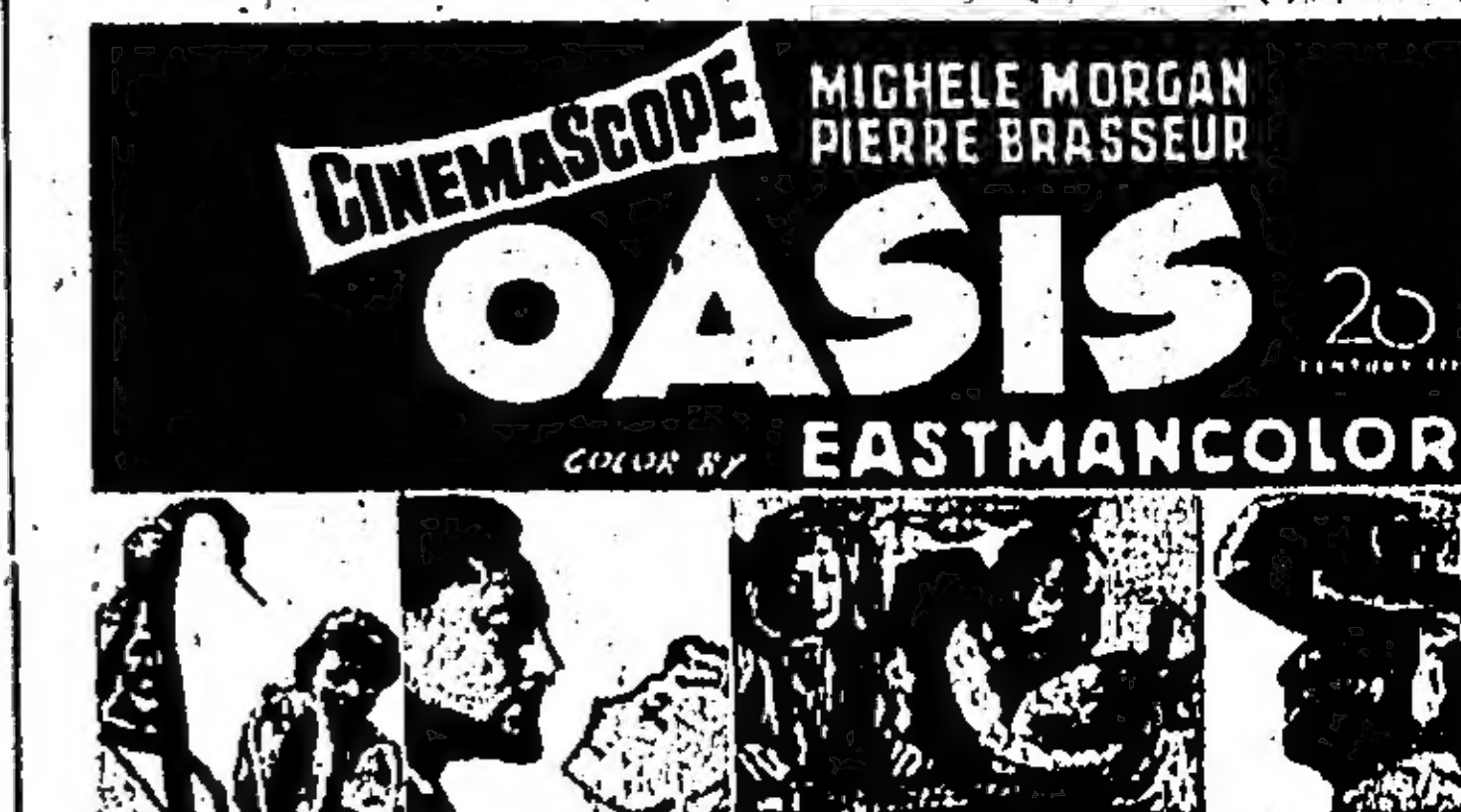
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BAKER BOY BERET



Princess Margaret, wearing a new "Easter bonnet" — the "baker boy beret" — leaves St Paul's Cathedral after visiting the Easter Garden. — Reutersphoto.

NEPAL REDS TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN

Kathmandu, Apr. 8. Nepal's Communist Party, which has been banned for the last four years, announced today that it will launch a country-wide agitation against the ban, starting April 17.

Pamphlets distributed throughout the capital declared the "party was unreasonably banned."

The Communist Party Central Office, which issued the pamphlets, said it will launch agitation and court arrests demanding withdrawal of the ban to enable the party to participate freely in the forthcoming general elections.—United Press.

Bagdad, Apr. 8. The Iraq Government has recognised Morocco as an independent country. It was officially announced in Bagdad today.

Premier Nuri el Said has sent a message to Moroccan Premier, Si Bekkal, informing him of this decision and adding his congratulations.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Making effervescent (8).
 - 8 Deprive of weapons (6).
 - 9 Mock (8).
 - 11 Ape (4).
 - 12 Repair (4).
 - 13 Happen again (6).
 - 14 Challenge (6).
 - 15 Reversion (4).
 - 22 Establishment for the sick (8).
 - 24 Artillery (6).
 - 25 Harmony (6).
 - 26 Innate (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Acknowledge (5).
 - 2 Savoury jelly (5).
 - 3 Dressed up (7).
 - 4 Send out (4).
 - 5 Perched (4).
 - 6 Hardened (6).
 - 7 Avaricious (6).
 - 10 Ralse objections (6).
 - 14 Clergyman (5).
 - 15 Honour (7).
 - 16 Eat greedily (6).
 - 17 Seals (6).
 - 20 Slip along (5).
 - 21 Slip along (5).
 - 23 Difficult (4).
 - 23 Scrutinise (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Meditate, 7 Melbo, 8 Ransomed, 10 Garret, 12 Anti-15, 19 Once, 27 Emerges, 28 Rocluse, 20 Idle, 21 Tapered, 25 Refused, 27 Traopist, 28 Allow, 29 Residual, 30 Down: 1 Orange, 2 Blurs, 3 Mores, 4 Line, 5 Arming, 6 Dile, 9 Averse, 11 Aakes, 12 Jilt, 14, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

To Bahrein BUT POSSIBLE OPPOSITION IN ARAB LEAGUE

Teheran, Apr. 8.

Iran does not intend to turn her campaign for the return of Bahrein Island into a "little Cyprus" dispute with Britain, informed sources said today.

Iranian Foreign Minister Aligholi Ardelan announced yesterday Iran has presented Britain with a formal claim for the oil-rich little sheikdom on the Persian Gulf.

But informed sources said today this country does not intend to press Britain forcefully to withdraw her protection from Bahrein. There will be no extremist pressure as in Cyprus, the sources said. Iran prefers to wait and see whether Britain will release her hold on Bahrein voluntarily.

Other Claims?

Ardelan said at a Press conference yesterday Bahrein was "an inseparable part of Iran" and "Iran cannot remain silent and inactive any longer in view of recent events."

The government of Premier Hossein Ala, informed sources said, fears, however, that Egypt or Iraq also may lay claim to Bahrein, a tiny island nestling on Iran's Persian Gulf Coast which has been under British protection since 1892.

Unconfirmed reports have said Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser has been attempting by means of propaganda to discourage at long range Iranian immigration into the island. The reports, however, could not be confirmed.

Formal Claim

Despite Ardelan's statement yesterday, the Iranian decision to press for return of Bahrein is not expected to affect relations between Britain and Iran, particularly in the Bagdad Pact alliance.

Ardelan said flatly that the Bahrein question has "nothing at all to do" with the Bagdad Pact and it is unlikely to be mentioned at the meeting of Pact members in Bagdad on April 12.

Informed sources said that providing members of the Arab League did not take a hard line on Bahrein, Iran would

be quite content merely to place her claims on record without pressing them too hard.

No Connection

The Shah's visit to Moscow in June will have no connection whatever with Bahrein, Government sources said.

Soviet displays of friendship toward Iran, including the turning down of anti-Iranian broadcasts from Soviet Caucasian radio stations, have influenced the Monarch to make the trip, they said.—United Press.

ADENAUER CONSULTS STATESMEN

Basle, Apr. 8. Dr Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, and Dr Walter Hallstein, Secretary of State, arrived at Ascona tonight to confer with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The three statesmen will have a consultation on the international situation tomorrow morning.

It is believed that one important topic will be the recent interview given by the French Premier, M. Guy Mollet, to an American magazine in which he suggested that the reunification of Germany need not necessarily precede an agreement on disarmament.

Reports from Germany said the Federal Government had approached the Western powers to insist on the necessity of giving priority to reunification.

ALL ASPECTS

The possibility of a meeting between M. Mollet and Chancellor Adenauer is also to be discussed, it is understood.

Chancellor Adenauer has been on holiday here for the past fortnight.

It was learned later tonight that the talks would extend through into Tuesday.

Also taking part in the discussions will be Herr Herbert Blankenhorn, West Germany's representative with NATO and Herr von Maltzan, Ambassador to France.

The fact that these West German statesmen are attending the meetings is taken here as an indication that Chancellor Adenauer intends discussing the questions of German reunification, European security and disarmament in the closest details.—Reuters.

Hunt For Girl

Farnham, Apr. 8. Police searched through the night in nearby woods and commons for 12-year-old Sandra Irene Smith, who disappeared from her home in Farnham on Thursday evening.

Sandra is the daughter of an army officer, Captain David Smith, who returned from Malaya three weeks ago. She lived there, with her parents, two sisters and a baby brother, China Mail Special.

Cole, Apr. 8. Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Everest, arrived here last night with two fellow explorers to try out Norwegian-built truck vehicles on behalf of the British Antarctic expedition.—Reuters.



'NEEDLESS' TELEGRAMS FROM CHURCHILL

London, Apr. 9.

General Wavell, officially described as "one of the great commanders in military history," was irritated by telegrams he received during the war from Mr (now Sir) Winston Churchill, then Prime Minister, it was disclosed today.

The latest volume of Britain's official history of the Second World War said General Wavell (later Field Marshal Earl Wavell) found the large number of telegrams "irritating and needless."

General Wavell was replaced in 1941 as commander of British forces in the Middle East by General Auchinleck.

Fresh Eye

The book shows that Mr Churchill had "never had full confidence" in General Wavell and that he decided that "a fresh eye and an unstrained hand were needed."

Mr Churchill was "not content to deal only with the high policy for the conduct of the war and to leave details to his subordinates."

He liked to deal direct with individuals and when he met General Wavell for the first time in August 1940 "it was not the sort of meeting where General Wavell's inability to talk easily and persuasively could pass unnoticed."

A large number of telegrams "less welcome" than those wishing good luck and promising support were received.

Typical

The book says: "Although they were typical of Mr Churchill's normal methods, the telegrams contained so many inquiries and suggestions about matters of detail well within the province of a Commander-in-Chief that, to General Wavell, who was already conscious of lack of confidence in himself, they were irritating and in his opinion needless."

Those nearest to him in his work had little doubt that the "directness he showed in the late spring of 1941" was aggravated by the feeling that he did not enjoy the full confidence of the Prime Minister.

Greece Decision

The book, volume two of "The Mediterranean and Middle East," is the latest in Britain's official history of the Second World War. It covers the year 1941, a period of almost continuous fighting in Britain apart from the naval victory over the Italians off Cape Matapan.

The book says General Wavell remained convinced that

his decision to go to the aid of Greece was right. He realised that by transferring some armoured troops to Greece from the North African theatre he had taken risks greater than he intended in Cyrenaica.

General Wavell blamed no one but himself.

General Rommel's attack came in April and the British were driven out of Cyrenaica.

Other commanders-in-chief responsible for sea and air had far fewer personal telegrams, some of which, however, seemed to be "less than generous."

They were "particularly hurt by what seemed to them to be an idea that the Middle East command was lacking in energy, foresight and the determination to overcome difficulties."

A Tribute

The book commented: "It was indeed fortunate that this was not so" and went on to pay tribute to General Wavell: "He was essentially a soldier's soldier and takes an assured place as one of the great commanders in military history."

General Wavell died in May 1950 aged 67.—China Mail Special.

People's Plane

Bonn, Apr. 8. West Germany is to have a "people's plane" following her world success with the Volkswagen, the "people's car."

The "Volkswagen of the air" is a two-seater which will cost 14,000 marks (£1,170 sterling) although an improved version might bring the price down to between 12,000 and 13,000 marks (£1,000 to 1,085 sterling).

A Bonn firm has started production and the first five models are expected by the end of the year.—China Mail Special.

GOC Malaya Appointed

London, Apr. 8.

General Roger Herbert Bower, aged 53, lately Chief-of-Staff Allied Forces in Northern Europe, has been appointed General Officer Commanding, Malaya Command, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-General, the War Office announced today.

General Bower will take up his new post on May 17, this year.—France-Press.

ANTI-HANGING BILL Campaign Enters Fresh Phase

By Fraser Wighton

London, Apr. 8. The political campaign to end hanging of murderers in Britain will enter a fresh phase soon after Parliament resumes on Tuesday following the Easter holiday.

Passing through the House of Commons is a private bill, introduced by Mr Sidney Silverman, a Labour member, which seeks to abolish or alternatively suspend the death sentence.

The Conservative Government, which opposes abolition of capital punishment, angered "no hanging" champions by refusing to introduce its own legislation after the Commons, on a free vote, decided against the death sentence.

All-Party Meeting

Instead, it agreed to give facilities to Mr Silverman's bill, which has since been debated and survived what is technically known as "second reading." The bill has now passed to "committee stage," where various amendments will be put forward against it in line-by-line discussion.

Meanwhile, the issue will revolve separately ventilation from an all-party meeting of MPs to be addressed this week by crime experts from Norway, Sweden and Belgium.

These experts will tell members what happened in their countries when judicial capital punishment was ended.—China Mail Special.

Washington, Apr. 8. Republicans were confident today that the punch had been taken out of a forthcoming Senate investigation of air power by President Eisenhower's decision to ask for an additional \$500 million in defence spending.

The President is expected to send his request to Congress tomorrow. Nearly half of the extra funds would go for production of the B-52 intercontinental bomber. Another \$150 million would be used to build more bases and support facilities for the huge planes.

The President's decision came just as a special Senate Armed Services Sub-Committee mapped out last-minute plans for a thorough inquiry into US air power. It will open its hearings early next week.

Drumfire Of Charges

The Sub-Committee has among its members two of the most outspoken critics of the Administration's defence policies — Senator Stuart Symington and Senator Henry Jackson.

Both have kept up a drumfire of charges that the United States is in danger of being outstripped by Russia in production of long-range jet bombers and in development of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The Democratic critics were partly appeased by the Defence Secretary's recent appointment of a missile chief to co-ordinate development of ballistic missiles—a suggestion Senator Jackson made over two months ago.

But, as one Republican member of the Sub-Committee commented, "The heat won't really be off us until we ask for some more money for the Air Force."

Boost Production

Meanwhile, Defence officials disclosed that the additional funds would go not only for accelerated B-52 production but also for buying more of the giant eight-engine bombers than originally planned.

Officials said the \$238 million of the new funds would go for boosting production and purchasing 30 additional bombers—enough to equip an extra strategic bomber wing.

The Air Force now admits that Russia has more bombers comparable to the B-52 and is probably producing them at a faster rate. Despite a \$400 million acceleration last year, B-52 production is not scheduled to reach a peak rate of 17 a month for nearly two years.

This is about four times the current rate of production. Defence officials said nearly \$400 million of the requested new funds would go to the Air Force. The Army will get \$35 million and the Navy \$45 million.

None of the additional funds, it was said, would go directly for research on ballistic missiles. But some would go into related programmes, such as work on a Navy ship for firing ballistic missiles.

Increase Strength

With the extra funds, the Navy will increase its strength by several thousand persons to man the larger, more complicated ships, such as super-carriers. Moreover, now joining the Fleet. Some of the Navy money also will go for long-range patrol craft along the water stretches of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) line on top of the American continent.—United Press.

Shortage Of Scientists In Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 9.

Singapore cannot spare scientists to go overseas for atomic research, the Straits Times reported today quoting a spokesman of Singapore's Ministry of Education.

The spokesman was commenting on a report that the United States had a new programme for training Asians in the peaceful application of the atom.

The spokesman said Singapore had not received an invitation to send scientists to attend the United States course, but he believed that Singapore scientists would later be invited to take part in the research activities at Manila.

Singapore was a member of the "Asian Atomic Council" which met at the University of Malaya in Singapore last week. The council's members would meet again in Manila next week.—China Mail Special.

£1 Million Buddha Found

Bangkok, Apr. 8. Tens of thousands of people a day have been flocking to a temple in Bangkok's Chinatown to see a golden Buddha reputed to be worth £1 million sterling.

The Buddha, which weighs five and a half tons and stands 121 inches, was made about 700 years ago.

During the 18th century, it was brought from Sukhathai, North Thailand, to Bangkok and encased in plaster—possibly so that the Burmese who were then ravaging Thailand would not realise its worth.

For over a century the plaster-covered Buddha stood in a temple in downtown Bangkok. Twenty-one years ago it was moved to the temple of Thai Mit (Three Friends) in Chinatown.

Largely Ignored

By now, no one remembered that beneath the plaster lay a fortune.

The Buddha was placed in a rough old corrugated iron shack in the temple courtyard and largely ignored.

But next to the temple lived a family of Chinese, Mr. Kiamthorn Winthaphole, and his six wives and his 26 children. To gain merit for himself in his reincarnation, Mr Kiamthorn decided to build a temple to house the ancient Buddha. The temple cost him £10,000 sterling.

On May 25, 1955, the temple priests and a gang of half-naked coolies started to shift the five and a half ton Buddha some 50 yards to its new temple.

But after they had raised the statue for inches, a hook on the crane snapped and it crashed to the ground.

A piece of plaster fell off the Buddha's breast, revealing shining metal under inches of stucco.

High priest, Virahammuni ordered all the plaster to be removed. Priests started polishing the metal.

It was gold. But how much gold no one knows for the high priest will allow no one to assay the gold Buddha.

Sale Of Photographs

Castles have looked at the statue and they consider that it is made of an alloy of tin, zinc and gold—with gold making up about 60 per cent. Even if the Buddha is only 60 per cent gold, it is still worth about £1 million sterling.

Its discovery has set off a wave of disfigurement of buddhas throughout Thailand. Priests and laymen all over the country have chipped away at stone Buddhas hoping to strike gold.

The temple of the Three Friends has already received £20,000 sterling in offerings to the golden Buddha and from sales of photographs.

Batteries of spotlights are focused on the scarp face of the statue, while four policemen armed with sub-machine guns guard the treasure.

A priest in saffron robes, now wearing a gleaming new robe, placed a direct, the money with flock to the temple, as Thailand's 18 million Buddhists were urged to contribute to the £1 million sterling Buddha.—China Mail Special.

HITLER CONSIDERED ALIVE . . . LEGALLY

By Norman Lindhurst

I HAVE just learned that in West Germany, Adolf Hitler is regarded as still being alive—or legally alive anyway.

Here at Hitler's old Alpine hideaway—where Der Fuehrer planned the Nazis' last ditch stand—fervent Nazis are making an incredible legal stand.

For three years the Berchtesgaden court has dithered over the simple act of declaring Hitler legally dead—and thus liquidating the last vestiges of the Hitler myth.

Tons of documents have been put at the disposal of a shabby magistrate's court here. Eye-witnesses to various phases of Hitler's demise have given solemn testimony. For many months now the court has been in possession of overwhelming and conclusive evidence that Hitler is dead, but still the court has procrastinated. And, in the field of law, the dilatoriness has been an unexcused exhibition of Teutonic thoroughness earned to the final hair-splitting degree.

There have long been angry murmurs from anti-Nazis in Germany about the delay in declaring Hitler legally dead. When Hitler's valet, Heinz Lange, and Hitler's personal pilot, Hans Baur, returned from Russia last autumn with their lurid accounts of the Fuehrer's last hours in his Berlin bunker, it appeared that the grizzly Berchtesgaden legal force must indeed be quickly ended. But not at all. The Berchtesgaden court has found new pretences for delay, and although Lange and Baur have been back now nearly four months, Der Fuehrer is still a long way from being legally dead.

The West Berlin courts last summer set out to establish Hitler's death, but ran into a jurisdictional battle with the Berchtesgaden court.

The court at Berchtesgaden, where Hitler had his Alpine hideaway, has refused to surrender documents in the Hitler case to West Berlin.

Teeth and bones

The "difficulty" in certifying Hitler's death is due to the lack of a corpus delicti. All the evidence available to Berchtesgaden and West Berlin authorities is based entirely on testimony—or so says the Berchtesgaden court.

The Soviets apparently have the only physical evidence that Hitler, as is generally accepted, shot himself through the head and that his chauffeur then cremated the body in the Reichschancellery garden with a tin of petrol.

Fritz Bachmann, one of Hitler's dentists, told the Berchtesgaden court: "When the Russians conquered Berlin, they confiscated everything in our office. They arrested me and took me to the Soviet Union. Later, several MVD officers showed me several sets of teeth and some bones in a cigar box."

"I had worked on Hitler's teeth in the autumn of 1944 and consequently was able to identify a lower jawbone as being Hitler's. The Russians did not appear entirely satisfied, however, and made me draw from memory a diagram of Hitler's mouth."

Meanwhile, Hitler's SS bodyguard, Mengerhausen, and the head of the Fuehrer's garage, Schneider, have also returned to West Germany.

Both witnessed Hitler's cremation, Schneider having carried the petrol used in the cremation—but the Berchtesgaden court is still not convinced.

His property

Not surprisingly, the West Berlin and Berchtesgaden courts must certify Hitler's death to wind up disposition of his personal property, consisting of his Berchtesgaden villa and personal effects and confiscated by the Bavarian State Government in 1948. After a Bavarian denazification court had ruled that Hitler was a "major Nazi."

A death certificate is necessary, however, to seal the confiscation of Hitler's property in Germany and also in Austria. An Austrian Government trustee has been placed in charge of a valuable painting by the Dutch master, Jan Vermeer, which Hitler purchased during the war, and miscellaneous other personal items.

Meanwhile, for more than five years, Hitler's youngest sister, 61-year-old Mrs Paula Hitler-Wolf has been waging a legal battle with the Bavarian Government for a share of Hitler's estate.

No certificate

Penniless and living on public relief at Berchtesgaden, Mrs Hitler-Wolf claims that Hitler left her part of his property in a private will. The Bavarian Government contend, however, that Hitler's will was not couched in the proper legal terms.

Mrs Hitler-Wolf has tried to fight the case further in the courts but has been thwarted because she can't produce Hitler's death certificate.

Hitler has one other surviving relative, a half-brother, Alois, whom Hitler set up in the restaurant business in Berlin after he became the German Fuehrer. Alois now lives as a recluse in Hamburg under the name "Hiller."



"What with horses doing the National course twice round without their riders and the Queen Mother's horse wanting to jump over a jump that wasn't there I feel a bit of a fool."

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SMARTEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD GRACES A PARTY

Monte Carlo. IN Monte Carlo's smartest restaurant, which goes by the unsavory name of Le Snack (although it is not quite the place in which to ask for a ham sandwich) there was a very smart party the other night.

It was given in honour of Mr Cole Porter, who is a very smart man indeed and who, having just finished the words and music for Miss Kelly's last film "High Society," is now, as they say, travelling abroad.

DAISY

To help things along Miss Daisy Stevens, who is the cat-sitting daughter of movie magnate Nicholas Schenk gave a private recital of the score.

Among those present was the smartest woman in the world, Mrs Daisy (Reginald) Fellowes, who is the daughter of a French duke, the one-time wife of a prince, the widow of a wealthy Englishman, and permanently at the top of the Best-Dressed-Women's list.

And also the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, who is of course, a Romanoff, the Earl and Countess of Cromer—she is the daughter of a Press Lord (but not mine)—and Mr Aris-

totle Onassis who, I am delighted to learn, is known to his friends as "Ari," pronounced exactly like the "I'm-just-wild-about" man without the alch.

The arrival here of Mr Porter, a spare but spruce figure sporting the biggest, pinkest carnation seen this side of Asia Minor in the buttonhole of his peerless, pearl-grey suit, caused quite a flutter among the marmalade-mink coated dowagers who live the winters of their lives in the Hotel de Paris.

I dig up that almost forgotten cliché about Asia Minor because Mr Porter, surprisingly, used it when he was telling me about his itinerary to define that part of the world we know as the Middle East; and the term "marmalade mink" to describe fur coats of that old-fashioned cut and colour which pre-date the silver-blue and breath-of-spring models by a couple of decades.

Anyway, the sophisticated composer, sitting in the lushly carpeted (at a cost to Mr Onassis of many thousands of pounds, I am told) foyer of the hotel greeting his many friends,

has been a feature of the place these last few rainy days. Mr Porter is over the gallant. "Oh, still my lady of the carnations," he exclaimed as the sweet-faced but definitely elderly Lady Michelham piquetted round him to show off her new and very pretty scarlet coat and hat.

SHH!

With me, he talked of show business and local gossip. For "High Society" he has composed some music for Louis Armstrong to play in a jazz session sequence.

"That sort of thing is very new for me. I can't say whether it is good music or not. I just wouldn't know, but it was such fun to do."

I said I preferred my Cole Porter straight—cool, calm, and slightly wicked lyric-wise, and that he really didn't look like my idea of a jazz man at all.

"Anything for a change," said my second favourite composer, and went on to whisper the wonderful rumour that is float-

ing around—that Prince Pierre, father of Balala, is going to elope to Italy to marry the lady who was once the wife of the Grand Duke Dmitri, and at the moment just plain Mrs Emery.

With which Cole Porter went out of my life en route for Rome, Sicily, and the Middle East (or Asia Minor, dependent upon what school you went to, and where).

So to cheer myself up I went to call on Mrs Fellowes at her Cop Martin villa, Les Zorades.

Now, there is elegant living for you! A flock of footmen in attendance, a handsome staircase-covered in what looked like leopard skin leading to the drawing room, where the lady of the house waited.

The Best Dressed Woman in the World was wearing something in the way of a navy suit and white silk shirt, which I would describe as "of deceptive simplicity." If that were not such a hackneyed phrase.

Her well-groomed head was framed through a branch of white orchids expertly arranged in a vase behind her.

To complete the picture, Mrs Fellowes was sitting elegantly and daintily embroidering a tapestry chair cover.

It was difficult to believe that her name was Daisy. She offered me bread and honey, and tea from a Georgian silver pot.

IN THE KNOW

Mrs Fellowes spoke knowingly about the retiring house of Monaco, to which she is related. In exchange I was able to fill her in on some details about Miss Kelly, from which she was able to estimate that the bride of the year would seem to be taller than her groom.

Together we discussed ways and means in the matter of shoes and clothes which would make this difference less noticeable on the wedding day.

She mentioned also that her previous day's lunch guest, Sir Winston Churchill, was thinking of buying the empress's villa, which was situated at the bottom of the magnificent gardens of Les Zorades.

I did not betray the fact that I was a stranger round those parts by asking which empress.

HOT DOG

My little chain with the gracious lady and talented gentleman were notable highlights in a rainy week in the Riviera realm.

But these things too my reporter's mind had also noticed. THE UNEXPECTED SCENE IN THE Casino Salon d'Erva (well, as private as you can get for 1s. extra, the price of admission) of the hot dogs which are the favourite food of the bejewelled matrons who frequent the place.

In fact, at this slack time of the year there seem to be more sausages than big-time gamblers around.

THE MAN with the softest of soft jobs—the Cuban consul in Lisbon who, having discovered that there was only one Cuban living in Portugal for him to take care of, spends most of his time in Monaco "escaping" the cares of office.

THE TINIEST BIT OF RECENTMENT on the part of the Monacoesque who have been tactfully told that the prince, who already has three American cars and a Mercedes-Benz, suggests they buy a present for his birthday. The place of the Rolls-Royce they were going to give him. So Grace will get an £8,000 diamond necklace from her future citizens instead.

NOSTALGIA

To end on a strictly personal note: On my wedding anniversary, which fell one day this week, I went along to visit the small, secluded spot near where I spent my honeymoon. The hotel where we stayed had been converted into flats, and I did not recognize it. I got lost. Inevitably, it poured. Not altogether a successful sentimental journey. Feeling I ought to have had my husband along.

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RELIGION ALIVE IN RUSSIA BUT NOT ON RIGHT LINES

From SYDNEY SMITH

THE story of 50 million Russian churchgoers, of overcrowded Soviet theological colleges, of Soviet priests with their own cats, was told in Paris last week by an American Baptist, Dr Paul B. Anderson, on his return from Russia.

After ten days of religious conferences in Moscow and Leningrad, Dr Anderson told me: "With eight other American churchmen, representing the National Council of Churches, I met the heads of all Soviet churches. They gave us a slight intimation that there is an easing of the situation since the 20th Communist Party Conference. They said things looked very much better—but they would not criticize the past."

Dr Anderson has been to Russia before—with a war prisoners' aid mission during the Russian revolution. He speaks fluent Russian and has been a subscriber to Pravda for 30 years.

"The object of our visit," said Dr Anderson, "was to discuss with Soviet religious leaders how the churches could work for peace. That we did, quite freely. The Archbishops of the Lutheran churches in Lithuania, Estonia and Armenia were there."

"We visited theological colleges in Moscow and Leningrad. The average age of the students in the seminaries was 20 to 25 years. In the higher colleges, students were in their late twenties."

There are eight theological seminaries and two colleges in Russia. They are crowded, and there is a long list of students waiting to enter.

Who are the students? Well, I met one man who had served six years in the Soviet Navy. Officers are sons of engineers, teachers and professional families. These trainings are paid for out of church funds.

"In Moscow and its outskirts," Dr Anderson went on, "I met priests with their own cars. Our Russian church hosts paid all our expenses."

Dr Anderson and four others of the American delegation preached at the Moscow Baptist Church.

Said the Doctor: "The Baptist Church in Moscow holds about 1,200 people, but there were at least 2,500 on this day, packing the aisles and overflowing into the street. I spoke in Russian. Among the congregation I counted about ten women for every man."

It worried the American delegation that the Russian bishops and archbishops brought up the subject of arm and atomic warfare. On arm warfare, Dr Anderson said boldly: "We told them that they should try and get their minds right."

The Americans were worried, too, about the lack of religious teaching in Russia outside the churches.

Dr Anderson complained: "The law there is that there shall be freedom for religious worship and for anti-religious propaganda. We were distressed that there was no religious teaching outside the ordinary local church service. But we found that local priests were free to go to private homes to talk to the children, if they were invited. One retired outside Moscow told me that he called almost every day to talk to children in private homes."

In spite of all the favourable things he said, Dr Anderson is still not convinced that religion in Russia is on the right lines.

He concluded: "When the Russian church leaders told us that they felt quite content with the law which allows citizens religious but not church education, we asked them why. We said they had no right to be content. They have accepted our invitation to come over to America in June, and then we shall give them the same religious freedom that we have in this country and ask if it's all over again."

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YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL HK SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION BEATS SHANGRI-LA 2-1 IN FAST MOVING TUSSLE

By "TIME OUT"

Returning to the Hawk line-up after a long absence, veteran ball-hawk Ollie Vas spearheaded his team to a well-earned 6-4 victory over the third-placed Pandas in yesterday's afternoon thriller at King's Park. Leading an eight-hit Blackhawk attack, Vas connected three times in as many trips to the plate, including a stinging double in the fourth chapter, to drive in three runs.

In yesterday's twilight game at 5 p.m. fans and players alike were treated to some excellent ball-playing as the visiting gobs from the USS Shangri-la lost a heart-breaking 2-1 decision to a Hongkong Softball Association selection in a fast-moving tussle. Mound ace Vic Pedruco and "Goose" Wong shared hurling duties for the local side, while speedballer Wisdom toiled the whole distance for the visitors.

Of the other Men's Senior "A" games decided yesterday, the leading Braves beat the US Navy 8-5, while South China accounted for the Collingies (Chinese Athletics) 6-3.

On the distaff section, the youthful Colleens won the Junior Ladies' Championship with a convincing 25-15 count over the Ovenses. Comely "Ding" Orazio paved the way for a Colleen victory with a masterful four-in-five effort at the plate while teammate sister, Cecilia Orazio followed closely with a homer and a single in five trips to the box.

Veteran ballhawk Ollie Vas, formerly of Madcap fame, celebrated his return to diamond activities with a brilliant three-in-three effort at the plate to carry the Blackhawks through to a narrow 6-4 triumph over the Hongkong Pandas. Besides driving in three runs with his timely hits, Vas himself dented the rubber twice to claim top honours in this key tussle.

INITIAL CANTO

Jumping into the lead in the initial canto, lead-off batter Roberto Nunes worked a free pass to first, advanced on an infield out and scored on a costly fumble at the keystone.

With the Pandas still reeling on one-two-three orders in the second frame, the youthful Blackhawks attacked in another rally when Robert Remedios walked, stole second and scored on a "Texas Leaguer" over short from Ollie Vas' bickery.

Britisher Wins Tour Of Sicily Motor Race

Palermo, Sicily, Apr. 8. Peter Collins, of Britain, driving a works Ferrari, snatched a brilliant victory in the 971 miles Tour of Sicily motor race today.

Piero Taruffi of Italy, driving a Maserati, led Collins by eight minutes with 190 miles to go but the British driver overtook him and won with a record average speed of 108 decimal 020 kilometres (67 decimal 1 miles) per hour.

Taruffi, who had set up the previous best mark for the race with 105 decimal 908 kilometres (65 decimal 8 miles) per hour last year, was second 53 seconds behind Collins. His speed was 107 decimal 871 kilometres (67 decimal 0 miles) per hour.—Reuter.

The Pandas threatened in the top of the third as opening batter Willie Woo singled through short, followed rapidly by a break-bunt-hit to place two on. A Chen then hit a drive towards short to retire Woo at third for the first out. But brilliant ball-playing in the Hawk infield squashed the rally as Jimmy Shen and Eddie Tao were nipped at first to retire the side.

Coming back with a vengeance in their half of the third, the powerful Hawks unleashed a three-hit barrage on losing hurler Chen, including a double by Ollie Vas for three more runs to put the game on ice. With two outs and two "ducks in the pond", ballhawk Vas punched a solid double to centrefield for two runs. Two more consecutive bingles of the bats of Robert Nunes and Mike Gann, then saw Vas scamper over the pan to let the score read 5-0 in the Hawks' favour.

FIFTH FRAME

The fifth frame saw the Pandas come to life as the Hawk defence fell into a lull to yield four runs and allow their opponents to breathe down the necks. Leading off, F. Chang singled to the right-hand quarter and advanced on an infield miscue giving H. Chen a life. Another infield fumble loaded the sacks while a costly walk by Barretto put Chang across for the Pandas' initial tally. A wild heave blended disastrously with another fumble for two more Pandas tallies. Catcher-hitter Raymond Tsao then rifled a lead smash through short for the fourth run and two flies ended the inning.

Hawk hero Ollie Vas accounted for the necessary insurance run in the bottom half of the sixth with a drive through the box, advanced on another single, pilfered third base and scored on a sacrifice.

In their last-ditch effort at bat the Pandas threw their "all" into the game to load the sacks after two outs with veteran Y. S. Liang stepping into the box to add the finishing touches with anything ranging from a single to a home-run. But the youthful Hawks were not to be robbed of this decision, and facing a two-and-two pitch, Y. S. Liang struck out for a most dramatic ending, leaving the Hawks victors with a 6-4 count.

Association's Selection 2 Shangri-la 1

In a thrilling nine-inning exhibition game, the Association's Selection 2 beat Shangri-la 1.

CHAMPION IN TRAINING



Miss Ann Long of Hford, Empire Games 3 Metre Springboard Champion, 1955 ASA Highboard Champion and Olympic Games representative, seen with her coach Cyril Laxton, at Ironmonger Row Baths where she and other swimmers and divers have begun training for the Olympic Games.—Central Express Photo.

HALF MILE RECORD BROKEN AGAIN BY KEITH BURCH

By "RECORDER"

On his farewell appearance in Colony athletics, Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment lowered his own Colony record in the Half Mile to 2 minutes 0.6 seconds at the Land Forces' Championships at Boundary Street on Saturday.

Conditions were far from favourable, it being far too hot and sticky, and in the circumstances it was asking too much to see a Half Mile run under two minutes. Burch also won the Mile in 4.32.6 from Cpl. Alan Smith of the King's Own (4.36.1) and Gnr. Wheatley, who upheld 173 Loc. Bty. traditions in this event with a surprise third place in approximately 4.38.

Pte. Peat of the North Staffs was second in the Half in 2:04.7 and Pte. Joyce, also of the North Staffs, came through with his best middle distance performance in coming third in 2:06.0.

The 440-Yards, as expected, was won by Cpl. John Bailey of the North Staffs who equalled Lt. Sweeney's Land Forces and Boundary Street record of 52.8 seconds. Lt. Clement of the Northampton was a surprise second in a fast for Boundary Street and the weather of 83.3 seconds as the others in a fast on paper field trailed in mediocre times.

Cln. Williams of REME/North Staffs won both sprints, the 100 in 10.3 and the 220 in 23.3, equalling the Land Forces record held by Lt. Sweeney in the longer sprint.

BEST PERFORMANCE

Best performance of the day came from Collin Brand of 3.2 Supply Depot, RASC, whose 182 feet 6 inches in the Javelin Throw ranks him 19th throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire for the current year.

Best in the United Kingdom this year, where there have been many more early spring meetings than in previous years, is 189 feet by Collin Smith.

Capt. John Hunter, of the British Military Hospital, made good acquaintance with all three steps of the victory stand as he won the High Jump, Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump, came second in the 100 Yards in a good 10.3 and in the 220 Yards Hurdles in 16.7, and third in the Pole Vault.

Outside of Brand's Javelin Throw and Capt. Hunter's Long Jump of 21 feet 10 inches in the preliminary round, field event performances were below the

standard of previous Land Forces Championships except for a reasonable Hammer Throw of 113 feet 1 1/2 inches by Pte. Churchyard of the Essex Regiment.

Brazil Lucky To Beat Portugal 1-0 At Soccer

Lisbon, Portugal, Apr. 8. Brazil, who meet England at Wembley on May 9 were lucky to beat Portugal 1-0 here today in the first match of their European tour.

Though they played much the superior football they would have been held to a draw if Portugal had converted a penalty in the first half after Brazil had scored.

The Brazilians dazzled the crowd of 50,000 by the brilliance of their ball control, but their team work was poor.

Big and speedy, they juggled with the ball as if it were attached to their feet, but passed going astray and a lack of co-ordination spoiled movements which started with bright promise.

Brazil's centre-forward, Gino, got the winning goal in the eleventh minute, gathering a free kick and sending it to the net.

Portugal's penalty kick, in the 30th minute, was saved by goalkeeper Gilmar, who dived to stop inside-left Mataleira's shot.—Reuter.

BATTLE FOR THE ASHES

Can England Win The Rubber For The Third Successive Time?

London, Apr. 9.

A stern fight by Australia to prevent England gaining a hat trick of "Ashes" wins and another absorbing struggle for the County Championship should provide a spate of excellent cricket this summer.

The battle for the Ashes will be predominant in everyone's mind but Surrey, led by dynamic Stuart Surridge, will claim much attention by their efforts to win the Championship for the fifth successive time and set up the longest sequence of outright wins.

This time Australia come as challengers. England wrested the honours from them at the Oval in 1953 and, thanks mainly to the grand fast bowling of Frank Tyson and Brian Statham, the superb batting of Peter May and Colin Cowdrey, and the able captaincy of Len Hutton retained the Ashes in Australia in 1954-55.

Can England win the rubber for the third successive time? That is the intriguing question. When England retained the Ashes by three wins to one and one drawn on their last tour, Australian cricket was considered by many to be in a bad way and that it would take a long time to recover.

Australia's answer to this was quickly given when they left for the West Indies a few weeks later and subsequently won the Test series three-nil, with two drawn.

A NARROW WIN

England a year earlier had to fight hard to share the rubber with the West Indies, and last summer they could squeeze out only a narrow win against South Africa.

Since then a big hole has been left in the top of England's batting by the retirement of Len Hutton and the extreme doubtfulness about the fitness of Denis Compton, still recovering from a knee operation.

Obviously the batting will have to be built around May and Cowdrey. Some people, Hutton among them, have advocated that these two should open the innings. That would be a most risky step and one which the selectors may take only if the performances of regular County opening batsmen offer no solution.

Should some of the experienced players like John Innes, Reg Simpson or Frank Lawton touch their best form, it is possible that one of them would be given a chance, along with talented youngsters like Peter Richardson and Brian Close, who did well in Pakistan.

WEALTH OF TALENT

There would be a wealth of talent available for the last six places. Four, look to be filled already with Tyson and Statham, the fast bowlers, who mauled Australia last time. Allrounders Trevor Bailey and wicketkeeper Godfrey Evans, who will be strong rivals as left-arm slow bowlers, and Appleby, Laker and Tinnus are outstanding among the host of present-day offspinners.

England are not likely to look beyond May as captain. He showed his qualities of leadership last summer. On him rests the responsibility of knitting the side together and to attain a high standard of fielding at which the Australians and the South Africans set such a splendid example.

The Australian selectors have taken great pains to build a side which they feel will be able to resist the menace of England's speed attack.

The general pattern of the Australian batting looks like being a careful steady start followed by attacking play once the position has been established.

The task of Colin McDonald, Dick Mackay, John Emburey and Jim Burke, is clear. They must take the speed out of England's early onslaught and pave the way for Neil Harvey, Keith Miller and Richie Benaud, powerful hitters who can pulverise a tired attack.

A SPEED BATTLE

So much do the Australians believe that the series is likely to develop into a speed battle that they have brought an array

of fast or fast-medium bowlers which has practically committed them to relying on this form of attack.

Australia are certain to shine in the field, there they nearly always have a big pull over England, and their batting may be stronger but England look to

have a superior, all-round attack. The Australians will probably "steam roller" their way through most of the counties, but an exciting Test series is expected and huge crowds are assured wherever they play.—China Mail Special.

JAMAICA TO DEFEND 1,600 METRES RELAY TITLE AT MELBOURNE

Kingston, Jamaica, Apr. 9.

Conflicting views among Jamaican track officials as to the wisdom of sending a team to the 16th World Olympiad, opening in Melbourne on November 22, have been settled by a decision to send a team of about eight.

Officials who argued against participation in the Games based their opposition on two grounds:

1. Jamaica, they argued, had established a great reputation in the 400 Metres and 1,600 Metres Relay and at present cannot find athletes of the calibre of Herb McKenley and George Rhoden to maintain that reputation.

2. Jamaica will not this year be able to get as adequate financial help from the Government as it had received in the past, because the Government had granted huge sums of money to various forms of sport during the island's Tercentenary celebration last year.

NOT BY DEFAULT

Officials who were in favour of sending a team argued that victory is not the main concept of the Olympic Games. They said that it would be a discredit to Jamaica to lose by default the 400 Metres and 1,600 Metres titles, won at Helsinki in 1952.

On the question of finance, they declared that they believed that the Government could be persuaded to help, provided that the controlling body, the Jamaica Olympic Association, showed initiative in thinking of ways and means of raising money.

The team would include a relay squad, a reserve relay runner, a field athlete, a manager and a coach. Only one member of the team which won the Helsinki 1,600 Metres Relay in 3 minutes 3.9 seconds, which was a world record and an Olympic best ever, is available. He is George Rhoden, who has been out of competitive athletics for the past two years and is now employed as a physio-therapist at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in California, United States.

Rhoden is keen on going to Melbourne to defend the 400 Metres title which he won at Helsinki in 45.9 seconds. He is already in training and has this year run two metric quarters under 47.6 seconds.

Arthur Wint, now a doctor at the University College of the West Indies, has retired from athletics, while Herb McKenley has turned professional and is now employed as Supervisor of Athletics in Jamaica. Les Laine, the fourth member of the Olympic record-setting team, has also retired from the track. He is taking his B.Sc. degree in agronomy in the United States.

NONE TOO ROSY

With the loss of these stars, the prospects of the Jamaican team to Melbourne are none too rosy. Rhoden will no doubt run the anchor leg, though it is doubtful whether he can repeat his 45.2 seconds of the 1952 Games.

Two other likely members of the quartet are the twins, Melvin and Malcolm Spence. Both, these runners, now in

Jamaica, are doing regular times of 47.5 seconds over 400 Metres. Keith Gardner, who is in the United States on a scholarship studying surveying, should fill the fourth place. His best time so far is 47 seconds flat.

Gardner is an all-rounder who won the 110 Metres Hurdles at the Empire Games in Vancouver.

The field athlete who may make the trip is 18-year-old E. H. Haisley. Using the obsolete scissors style, he is now clearing 6 feet 6 inches and is being coached by Herb McKenley, who believes that he can get him to 6 feet 10 inches by the time the Olympic Games are on.—China Mail Special.

French Badminton Tourney

Indian Player Beaten In Singles Final

Paris, Apr. 8. India's Bahree defeated Britain's A. J. Walker, who abandoned the match after the score of 17-18, 15-5, in the semi-final of the Men's Singles of the French International Badminton Championships here today. Later Britain's G. E. Rowland in the final, defeated Bahree 15-3, 15-5.

Bahree and C. L. Yapp (Malaya) beat G. E. Rowland and J. R. Stanford 15-10, 15-10 in the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles.

P. B. Brashay and A. J. Mallone beat the Malayan pair, O. K. Lim and M. S. Yong 15-10, 15-10 in the other semi-final of the Men's Doubles.

Bahree and C. L. Yapp won the Men's Doubles, beating P. B. Brashay (England) and A. J. Mallone (Scotland) 15-17, 15-4. In the mixed Doubles, Bahree and Miss A. Durr (Britain) lost in the finals to Miss M. B. Forrester and Malond (Scotland) by 15-16, 15-5.—France-Press.

American Wins Egyptian Golf Tourney

Alexandria, Egypt, Apr. 8. Paul Harnet, of the United States, won the Egyptian Match Play Golf Championship here today, defeating Frank Phillips (Australia) 10 and 9 in the 36 holes final.

He had led by five strokes after the morning round on the windyway. Smokey Sports Club Course.—Reuter.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the.....Club.

(Signed).....

The following is this week's schedule:
Today (Apr. 9 p.m.) Shamrock v. Combed European (Exhibition).
Tomorrow (Apr. 10 p.m.) Shamrock v. St. Francis (Exhibition).
Wednesday (Apr. 11 p.m.) Shamrock v. Combed European (Exhibition).
Thursday (Apr. 12 p.m.) Shamrock v. St. Francis (Exhibition).
Friday (Apr. 13 p.m.) Shamrock v. Combed European (Exhibition).
Saturday (Apr. 14 p.m.) Shamrock v. St. Francis (Exhibition).

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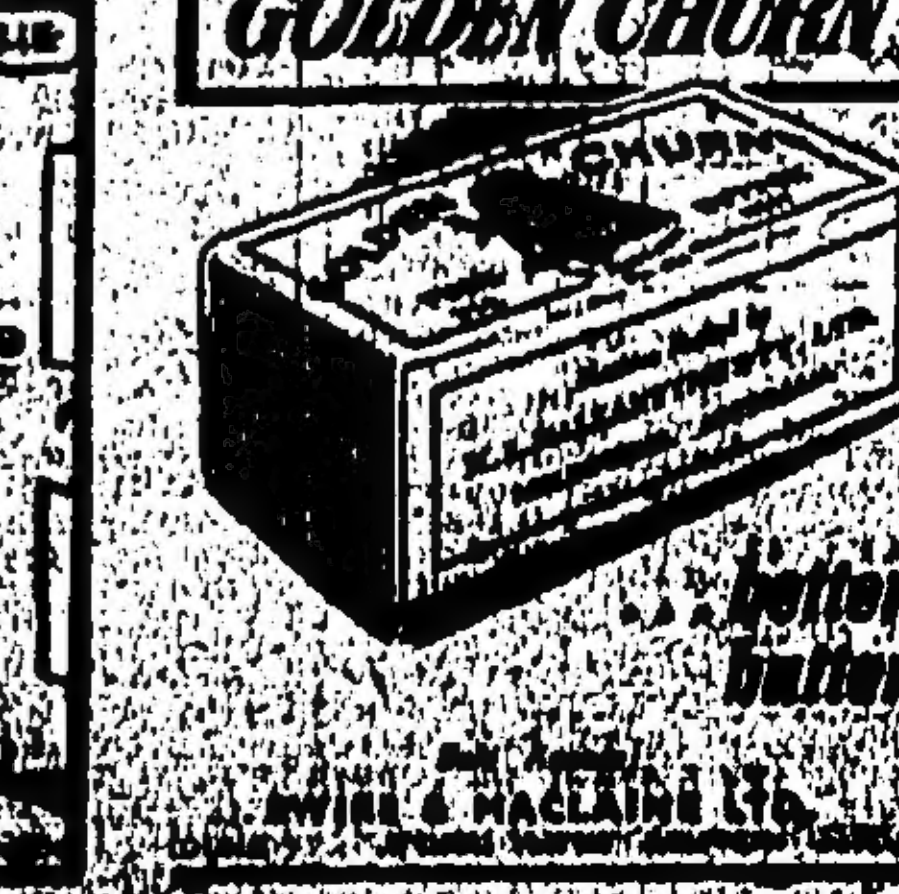
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GOLDEN CHURN



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

OUTPUT LAGGING BEHIND DEMAND

NY COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Apr. 8. Cotton futures trading this past week was on a note of buoyancy.

Prospects for a favourable compromise on the farm bill, possibly with rigid high support, bestrode a broad evening movement in new crop months as the week ended.

At Friday's close the list of cotton futures was up 1 to 25 points, a high of 5 cents a bale to up \$1.40 a bale from the preceding week.

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Pending the Presidential consideration after the bill is finally hammered out by Congress, the week showed more action at the later part.

CLIMAX

Next to waiting for a climax on the farm bill, the announcement on export policy for raw cotton which is imminent.

Department of Agriculture officials reportedly said the Government had decided to offer its cotton for overseas sale at competitive bidding.

Details of the programmes were expected to be issued over the week-end, or early next week. The government will offer to sell its stock for export in the world markets at competitive prices.

Observers saw that the political tension in the Middle East and other troubles in the world were all lost sight of in the light of the over-hanging Washington uncertainties.

US RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Apr. 8. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for 1955-56 season to April 3 were as follows:

Britain	84,000
Continental	304,173
Orient	622,066
Canada	125,567
Total for season	1,227,189
Same period last year	2,670,467

*Excluding lint.

—United Press.

London Markets

Enjoy Cheerful Week

By C. T. Hallinan

London, Apr. 8.

Despite the approach of the Budget—due ten days hence—stock markets have had a cheerful week with a moderate rise in industrials though the indices for British Government stocks and for gold shares were easier.

Chief factors were the strength of sterling—up over 1/4th pence—and the rise in the gold and dollar reserve, disclosed for March, amounting to 67 million dollars (biggest rise in two years). These were influences arising from outside the market but they checked, at least for the time-being, the dreary thought that the credit squeeze must lower industrial earnings and reduce market values accordingly.

Japs In Demand

Associated Electrical Industries had an annual meeting which, among other things, spread abroad the official view that Britain's consumption of electric power will double in the next 10 years; the shares jumped 8 shillings to a new high of 69s 9d.日立 (Hitachi) also rose 3s to 95s 6d, close to the peak. American demand lifted. Bowers, more than 4s. Although the Conservative Government is pressing to get retail prices down, sceptics still

IN UNITED STATES Industrial Machine Operating At Full Pressure

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Apr. 8.

U.S. investors, businessmen and the American public generally, were in a bullish mood last week as the fast-stepping U.S. industrial machine continued to operate in high gear.

Steel output was still lagging behind heavy demand, with no let up in sight. Stock prices again moved into new historical highs last week. And U.S. business will spend record sums this year to overhaul worn-out equipment and to install new cost-saving replacement. That will mean lots of jobs and work everywhere.

Personal income remains near record levels, with consumers still showing no disposition to ward cutting down on their buying habits. Employment meanwhile continues high. There were some soft spots. To be sure, but no one was losing any sleep on that score. Among the department developments, last week. Production cutbacks and sporadic layoffs in the long-suffering auto industry; declining output in the radio and television industry; lagging home building, slumping income and continued political tensions in the Middle East and Asia.

Soft Spots

On balance, however, these soft spots are more than outweighed by more positive developments. Thus, the bullish mood which appears to have developed American psychology of late shows no signs of easing. Americans by and large see one thing in their future: A prosperous one than they expected only a few short months ago when President Eisenhower's illness cast gloom over the nation.

Many feel the stock market mirrors the overall confidence of private individuals and institutions towards next fall. For this reason, therefore, much importance is attached to the ups and downs of the market. Recent market setbacks—mostly of a minor nature—are generally ascribed to technical adjustments after almost six weeks of steady improvement.

These minor setbacks, it is held, contain no warning signals of any serious deterioration in the market strength over the long-term, although many observers continue to stress that

prices can still be expected to reflect outside pressures such as disturbing political news. The Dow-Jones industrial index last week moved past the 518-mark under the impetus of a host of favourable developments.

Among Reasons

Among the reasons advanced by the experts for the upward trend of stock prices are the following:

1. Excellent corporate news and business expansion plans.
2. The possibility that first quarter dividends and earnings will be better than expected.
3. Absence of speculative excesses, despite the strong advances of recent weeks.
4. The steady effect of investments by the so-called institutions which buy for the long-term.
5. Plentiful supplies of investment funds, most of which is ready to buy selected issues on minor dips in prices.
6. The predominance of cash buying on the market.

Overall confidence that the market is in a strong position to absorb the expected liquidation which is normal at this time of the year because of the need for raising cash for April 15 tax payments.

Share owners meanwhile are looking forward to a big dividend year. Some circles forecast a new record high for 1956 with gains ranging to over 10 per cent. In January, for example, disbursements were 12 per cent above the total for the corresponding months in 1955, and many look for the pattern to be carried out for the rest of the year as well.

Among the candidates for dividend increases are the following:

Sperry Rand, Sterling Drug, Amoco, Johns-Manville, American Machine & Foundry, United Airlines, Aluminum Co. of America, Hercules Powder, Kennecott Copper, Republic Steel, U.S. Steel, Royal Dutch Petroleum, Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Selective Nature

These are only a few of the many American companies expected to roll up big earnings totals this year. And, it is expected, they'll be most generous with their dividend payouts.

In assessing the market, many experts continue to stress its selective nature. The market, it is pointed out, is vulnerable to such non-economic factors as political tensions, and on this basis, many experts urge selective profit-taking from various blue-chips, which perhaps may have discounted the future too far ahead.

Many urge there the diversion of such funds, to secondary grade securities which afford a good yield at current prices or to securities with a better capital gains potential over the near term.

While there is some disagreement among the investor circles as to the short-term, there appears to be no as to the basic long-term outlook remains one of economic growth, it is felt. Some expect a levelling-out over the next month or two, but there is strong confidence that business activity will certainly turn faster in the second half.

Despite reduced auto production this year, the steel industry continues under heavy pressure to balance its books. It now appears that some steel consumers are growing as hard for deliveries in the third quarter as they are for the second quarter. It now looks as if the steel dollar project was believed to be in the offing.—United Press.

industry, although it is turning out far fewer cars this year than in 1955, is still a big buyer. Iron Age, the national metal working weekly, comments that the auto people expect to consume only slightly less steel than they did in record-breaking 1955.

Steels Best

The publication now feels that steel-enjoying one of its best years—will probably turn out some 120-122 million tons this year. With steel earnings at their high labour unions will be putting lots of pressure on the industry for a wage boost. Reports are recurrent that the steel industry might seek a 9-a-ton price rise, possibly in July, after the conclusion of the labour negotiations. Iron Age in its survey of earnings of 93 per cent of the industry, showed steel earned by 72 per cent and net income rose 6 per cent in 1954 to 7.8 per cent in 1955.

In the auto industry, the news was mixed last week. The coming of good weather raised hopes that sales will finally begin their upward seasonal trend.

According to a top official of General Motors, the spring upturn will probably be bigger than usual because of the unusually inclement weather in March. William F. Hufstader, Vice President in charge of distribution, said the January-April upturn will come close to the 1954 pattern. The word is that retail dealers would go well above 600,000 passenger cars and dealers would make substantial progress in reducing their heavy inventories. In addition, the used car picture is brighter, with dealers in a better position to make trades for new cars because they were not overloaded with used cars.

Elsewhere

Elsewhere in the industry, there were sporadic layoffs as mainly in General Motors—producers tried to bring output in balance with sales. Auto output during the first-quarter 1956 was 18 per cent below the year-ago level.

Elsewhere in brief: A Business Week survey last week showed that five oil companies were among the ten biggest money-makers in 1955, beating out the recent investor interest in petroleum stocks. General Motors, No. 1, showed a net profit—gain of 47.6 per cent over its 1954 earnings, followed by Standard Oil (N.J.), up 20.8 per cent. These were followed in turn by Bell System, up 20 per cent; Ford Motor, up 11.8 per cent; E. I. du Pont de Nemours, up 25.3 per cent; United States Steel, up 89.4 per cent; Texas Co. up 16.2 per cent; Socony Mobil Oil, up 8.8 per cent; Standard Oil (Cal.), up 8.0 per cent; Gulf Oil, up 17.3 per cent.

One of the longest strikes in recent U.S. history was settled last week with the signing of an agreement between labour and the Westinghouse Electric Corp., 14th largest company in the nation. The five-month-long strike cost the company a loss of more than a million in shipments. It also incurred a new loss of more than \$100,000 in the first quarter of 1956, or just about \$1 a share, it was announced at the firm's annual meeting.

1956 Target

Meanwhile, the Company set its target for 1956 production and sales in nine months equivalent to a full year level. It planned to work overtime and aim ambitious \$2-billion dollar project was believed to be in the offing.—United Press.

Canada Recruiting Miners

Toronto, Apr. 8.

The Canadian Metal Mining Association is sending a representative to Britain and Europe to recruit miners, Mr. V. C. Wansbrough, the Association's Managing Director, announced.

The mining industry is facing a serious shortage of manpower in many parts of Canada which can be overcome only by a vigorous recruiting campaign, Mr. Wansbrough said.

The shortage, he added, "has been brought on by an unprecedented tempo of almost a nine-month coming into production," coupled with a drain on manpower to other types of industry.

Mr. William Ramsay, Chief Officer of the National Employment Service at Kirkland Lake, Ontario, will leave for Britain, Northern Ireland, southern Germany and Austria.

Mr. Wansbrough said that once immigrants were found, details would be worked out for bringing them to Canada. They will be hired by Association members under the same conditions of employment and wages as those offered to domestic manpower.—China Mail Special.

Jap-Austrian Steel Deal

Vienna, Apr. 8.

An agreement has been signed between the Nippon Steel Tube Company Limited and the Austrian Oesterreichische-Alpine Montan Gesellschaft, granting the Japanese group a general licence for Japan for the production of "oxygen" steel (blast-furnace), it has been announced here.

The agreement gives the Japanese group the right to build their own works in Japan and to grant licences to other works within Japan. The first such factory is to be built near Tokyo and the Austrian group are providing technical advice, drawings and specialists for putting up the factory. The technical director of the Austrian group is to travel to Japan in May to prepare the work.

The Oesterreichische-Alpine Montan Gesellschaft has also been appointed adviser to a second Japanese steel works. Factories on the Austrian pattern have already been built in the United States, Canada and France and West Germany is building one. Seven Japanese engineers are at present studying steel production methods in the Austrian works.—China Mail Special.

The Bank of England Statement

London, Apr. 8.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended March 24, reads as follows:

Note in circulation	1,622,376,000
Public deposits	18,207,000
Private deposits	1,237,000
Government securities	270,271,000
Other securities	40,122,271
Reserves	2,000,000
Ratio	7.1

The Bank of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 8.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 29, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	301,304,202.000
Foreign exchange reserves	18,023,271.000
Reserve balance abroad	178,230,000.000
Advances to States	181,100,000.000
Bank notes in circulation	2,870,000,000.000
Deposits	128,297,000.000
Total bills discounted	2,842,200,000.000

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local financial exchange market, the U.S. dollar rose 31 to 142 1/2, sterling rose 2 1/2 to 112 1/2, Australian dollar rose 2 1/2 to 12 1/2, Hong Kong dollar rose 100 to 12 1/2, Singapore dollar rose 100 to 12 1/2.

GOLD SUBSIDY TO CONTINUE

Canberra, Apr. 8. The Federal Treasurer, Sir Arthur Fadden, has announced that the Government subsidy to the gold mining industry will be extended for another three years. The necessary legislation will be introduced "as soon as practicable."

The subsidy was established by the Gold Mining Industry Assistance Act, passed late in 1954, up to June 30 last year, the Government had authorized the payment to producers of sums totalling \$2,010,000. Seventy-eight "small" producers shared \$25,130 and five "large" producers shared \$2,010,000. The subsidy varies according to the cost of production, the formula providing for payment of three-quarters of the excess of average cost over \$2.13 10s an ounce, with a maximum rate of \$2.2 an ounce.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$830,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARE BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HSK Hotel	1050	1070	25	1605
East Asia	220	230	0	1500
INSURANCES	900	910	40	50
Union	900	910	40	50
Lombard	900	910	40	50
Underwriters	900	910	40	50
DOCKS, ETC.	900	910	40	50
Bank of China	900	910	40	50
Bank of Communications	900	910	40	50
Bank of India	900	910	40	50
Bank of Japan	900	910	40	50
Bank of Korea	900	910	40	50
Bank of Siam	900	910	40	50
Bank of Thailand	900	910	40	50
Bank of Indochina	900	910	40	50
Bank of Malaya	900	910	40	50
Bank of Ceylon	900	910	40	50
Bank of Australia	900	910	40	50
Bank of New Zealand	900	910	40	50
Bank of South Africa	900	910	40	50
Bank of Argentina	900	910	40	50
Bank of Brazil	900	910	40	50
Bank of Chile	900	910	40	50
Bank of Colombia	900	910	40	50
Bank of Cuba	900	910	40	50
Bank of Ecuador	900	910	40	50
Bank of Peru	900	910	40	50
Bank of Venezuela	900	910	40	50
Bank of Mexico	900	910	40	50
Bank of Central America	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Caribbean	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Pacific	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Atlantic	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Indian Ocean	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Arctic	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Antarctic	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Equator	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Tropics	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Desert	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Mountains	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Plains	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Coast	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Islands	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Seas	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Rivers	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Lakes	900	910	40	50
Bank of the Swamps	900	910	40	50
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LAND, ETC.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The End Of A Chapter

PATRICIA was 15 when her mother died. She was an only child, and as she had reached school-leaving age, her bus-conductor father might have kept her at home to keep house for him and keep him company in his sudden loneliness and misery.

But Patricia's father was not the sort to put his own comfort first. The first thought was for her happiness.

POSTCARDS
So he boarded his daughter with neighbours along the street who had children of Patricia's age—girls who had been her friends at school, and he got along on his own as best he could, giving Patricia the freedom of his home whenever she should want it, but sparing her his chores.

For two years this arrangement worked happily and then one day Patricia walked out of her father's home, and sailed off into the wilds of London to live among acquaintances of quite a different sort.

From time to time a postcard would arrive for the father from Patricia. The postcards all said in effect, "Having wonderful times" and bore West End postmarks, but no address.

STONERS
PATRICIA'S new friends were the sort whose creed contained an anti-work clause, but she never sank quite to their level. She worked.

She was an intelligent girl and did well enough in the job she found as a cashier in a store. But the life that she lived with her raffish friends was an expensive one, and they were not above spending more money than she earned. She began to steal.

LEARNED A LESSON
By the time she was caught she had taken more than £50. She was brought to Bow Street, and there she pleaded guilty to three charges of embezzlement.

When the story had been briefly told, Patricia, a fragile-looking 20-year-old, with promise of prettiness in her delicate features, was reminded for inquiries to be made.

When she next appeared, Miss Hamilton, the probation officer, went on, "And he visited her in Holloway. I know that the situation is fraught with difficulties, but I do think that supervision might be useful."

RECONCILIATION
PATRICIA, all the colour gone from her cheeks, clung to the dock rail, and closed her eyes. She looked near to collapse.

"There has been a reconciliation with the father, happily," Miss Hamilton went on, "and he visited her in Holloway. I know that the situation is fraught with difficulties, but I do think that supervision might be useful."

"What are the prospects of her getting a job?" asked the magistrate.

"Very good. She has an excellent work record."

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Patricia. Only whispers came. "Very sorry, very sorry."

COLLAPSE
"Well, I shall put you on probation, and you must pay back the money at the rate of £1 a week," said the magistrate.

"..." Patricia began, then she collapsed into the arms of the court matron.

They carried Patricia out, and when she came round, a wretched chaplain in her short career had ended and a new one that held great promise had already begun.

Soldier On Robbery Charge

Melcolm Thomas Chadwick, 19, Pte., of King's Own Royal Regiment, was remanded for three days by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Police Court on a charge of robbery with an offensive weapon.

Defendant, Pte. Chadwick, was alleged, armed with a pen-knife, robbed Chow Po-king, alias Wong Si, a Chinese girl, of \$4 in a lane off Lee House Street, on April 8.

Disciplined, Spirited Performance

The Crescendo Chorus, under its Director Professor Chao Mei-pai, gave a well-disciplined and spirited performance of Handel's stirring oratorio, "Judas Maccabaeus," on Saturday evening at Queen's College.

This oratorio is Handel's most popular, after "The Messiah," but it is far less often performed, and music-lovers in Hongkong are grateful to Prof. Chao for enabling them to hear this heroic work.

The choral sections of the oratorio were given with warmth and unity. As a body, the Crescendo Chorus is perhaps one of the best "drilled" in Hongkong, and there are more individual outstanding voices than in any other choir. The balance was a little over-weighted on the side of the ladies, and a stronger male section would be desirable.

What we most missed, after hearing the "Crescendo," was the presence of an orchestra. However good and well-arranged the piano accompaniment, the lack of a greater volume of sound was noticeable, and it is to be hoped that now the Crescendo Chorus will be able to give its next performance with orchestral accompaniment. Especially in the tenor solo number, "Sound an Alarm," did we miss the trumpets, and nothing can be more effective than Handel's use of trumpets.

However, the pianist, Miss Tu Yieh-sun, assisted by Miss Eugenia Yau, gave adequate and reliable support.

ORIGINAL IDEA

It was an original idea to spread the solos among several singers rather than concentrate on one soloist for each type of voice. The soloists all sang their parts effectively, outstanding among them was Miss Barbara Fei, whose two numbers, "O Wretched Israel," and "Shall the Late and Holy Awake," gave her scope for much variety. The duets of Miss Ada Liang and Miss Winnie Wei were also remarkable for their blending, and the sincerity of interpretation. Mr. Alexander Wong, as always, gave a pleasing performance, though some of his lower notes were inclined to get lost in the fast passages. Of the choral sections, the most effective was the old favourite, "See the Conquering Hero Comes." This was introduced by a chorus of youth, represented by girls from St. Stephen's School, who sang with sweetness and true tone, followed by the full-bodied chorus. Girls from St. Stephen's and the True Light School later combined in the moving number, "O Lovely Peace."

Prof. Chao is to be congratulated on this idea of bringing young voices in for the occasion.

NOISY EXTERNALS

It was a pity that externals made themselves apparent. Unfortunately Queen's College is not the best concert hall for warm weather. If the windows are left open, the noise of trams overcomes all; if they are closed, the noise of the fans is definitely disturbing and creates a vibration which one cannot help but notice. I would like, also, to make a plea once again for more light in the hall during the performance. It is really desirable to allow enough light for the audience to read several members of the audience were vainly trying to follow on a score or to make out the titles of the many numbers on the programme; the slightly brighter light would not take attention from the performance.

However, these details did not detract from the obvious general enjoyment, and Professor Chao and his singers well deserved the full house they drew. We know he will go on to new successes, and we sincerely hope that next time he will be able to provide orchestra accompaniment to his choir.—K.K.

Handbag Stolen

A Chinese woman pedestrian had her handbag containing cash stolen at 10 o'clock last night. The theft took place on Kennedy Road near Macdonnell Road. The Police report they have detained a male European in connection with the case.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That new hat, my dear, positively makes you good looking—it's hard to realise little things can so change a person!"

MAN WHO WAS PROVOKED ACCUSED OF MURDER

The trial began at the Criminal Sessions this morning of Kwok Kam-chiu, 35, earth coolie, charged with murdering a pork seller by stabbing him with a kitchen knife in the course of a fight.

The Crown's case was that there had been provocation on the part of the deceased, who hit Kwok on the head with an umbrella, but that the coolie's retaliation went too far.

Kwok pleaded not guilty before Mr. Justice James Wicks to the murder of Chan Ping at Un Long on December 19, last year. A jury of four men and three women was empanelled.

Before the jury were sworn, His Lordship asked if any of them had any objection to serving at the trial, which involved capital punishment if the accused was convicted. There were no objections.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector R. J. Brotherton, of New Territories. Mr. V. L. J. Dalton is for the Defence, instructed by Mr. R. Dyer, of Deacons.

Opening the Crown's case, Mr. Blair-Kerr told the jury that the offence took place just outside Un Long, in a wooden hut situated in a row of huts. The hut was known as No. 28 Wan Chau Road. It consisted of a little space inside the door, two cubicles, a small kitchen at the back and a cockloft.

The cockloft was reached by a ladder about two spaces from the front door. The accused lived in the cockloft for some time before the incident. There was also a back door to the hut.

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that a man, Wong Yuk-kai, lived in one of the cubicles with a woman, Chan Ping. Another woman, Li Man-kee, lived in the other cubicle. Another man named Leung stayed with Kwok in the cockloft.

The deceased, a pork seller, had two friends, Chan Nam and Ip Kau.

CARD GAME

On the afternoon of December 19, Crown Counsel said, accused and Leung were in the cockloft playing cards. Chan Ping came to the hut with his friend, Chan Nam, and asked Leung Man-kee to go to the pictures with him. She refused.

There was some talk of money. The woman asked Chan Ping to return a loan of \$2 and he refused. Wong Yuk-kai asked Chan Ping for the return of another loan to him. Chan Ping claimed Wong was the one who owed him money.

MOLLER FAMILY QUARREL ENDS IN LITIGATION

An appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg delivered in Chambers on February 1, 1956, dismissing an application by Eric Blechynden Moller, Ralph Blechynden Moller and Lindsay Blechynden Moller (the present appellants) relating to a trust was brought before the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice J. M. Hogan (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge) this morning.

The application before Mr. Justice Gregg was for an order that upon the appellants, (then defendants) without admitting any of the allegations in the statement of claim which are not already admitted in their respective defences, submitting to judgment at the option of the respondents (then plaintiffs) either for execution of the trusts of the settlement by the Court as asked for in paragraph 1 of the prayer in the statement of claim, or for the appointment of a judicial trustee of the said settlement as asked for in paragraph 2 of the said prayer and in either event for all necessary and proper accounts (including accounts on the footing of wilful default) enquiries and directions, and upon the appellants paying personally the taxed costs of the respondents of the action to the date of the application, the costs of taking any accounts or making any inquiries to abide the result, all further proceedings be stayed as against the three appellants save for purpose of obtaining and enforcing any such judgment as aforesaid.

Appellants are represented by Mr. Oswald Cheung and Mr. A. F. M. Berkeley, instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

First respondents are Christopher Blechynden Moller, Eric Moller (since deceased) and John McNeill. Appearing on their behalf are the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr. Leslie Wright, both instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Company.

Second respondents Nancy Rosalie Hamilton, Isabel Erica Feeney and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong (Trustee) Ltd., are not in Court and are not represented by Counsel.

THE PARTIES

Mr. Berkeley said the plaintiff on the amended writ before the Court, Christopher Moller, was a beneficiary under a (trust) settlement and also one of the trustees in the settlement. The second plaintiff, John McNeill, was a trustee and had a beneficial interest under the settlement. They were the two principal respondents in the present appeal, he said.

The appellants, Eric, Ralph and Lindsay Moller, were the original first three defendants in the action and they were the other trustees of the settlement. They were also beneficiaries interested in the remainder under the settlement, Mr. Berkeley said.

The next defendants in the original action, Nancy and Isabel, had not appeared at all in Court in the proceedings and their interest under the settlement was an annuity of £1,200 each held on discretionary trust for them and their issue.

Mr. Berkeley said that the last defendant, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong (Trustee) Ltd., was a trustee of a settlement which Christopher Moller had made of one-tenth of the quarter share in the trust fund in which he had interest in the remainder.

Continuing, Mr. Berkeley said that the nature of the appeal shortly was that the appellants who were then the only defendants to deliver defences in the action desired to submit to judgment for all relief claimed in the action and were seeking to obtain an order staying further proceedings in the action except for the purpose of obtaining judgment to which they were prepared to submit in enforcing the judgment.

The appeal was from an order of Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg on February 1, 1956, when he refused the stay which appellants were seeking and the points which arose on the appeal were twofold: Whether the appellants had in fact submitted to judgment for all relief claimed in the action; and whether, that being so, a stay should be granted.

FAMILY QUARREL

Mr. Berkeley in outlining the facts said that his, as their Lordships had seen, was a family quarrel. The then second plaintiff, Eric Moller, had died since the proceedings started. He was the father of four sons, Christopher (first respondent), Eric, Ralph and Lindsay (the appellants) and two daughters, Nancy and Isabel (second respondents).

On June, 1940, a company called the Mollers Trust Ltd. was incorporated under Hongkong law with a capital of £1,000 divided into 1,000 shares of £1 each, all of which had been issued and it was important, Mr. Berkeley said, to appreciate the Constitution of that Company.

The capital was divided into 100 management shares, 400 preference shares and 500 ordinary shares, all of £1 each.

Originally each of the four brothers held 100 preference shares and 25 management shares. At the present date Eric and Ralph jointly held the management shares, the remaining quarter being held by Christopher.

vested entirely in the holders of the management shares. They had the sole right to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company and to manage and control the Company's business.

The rights attached to the shares in the Company were in general subject to great importance. The preference shares carried a right to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend of £12 per cent per share, and priority as to return of capital in a winding up. They conferred no right to attend or vote at general meetings as long as any of the management shareholders was living.

The ordinary shares, which were subject to this settlement, had a right to such dividends, if any, as the management shareholders may decide to declare. Although ordinary shareholders' rights as to dividend depended entirely on what management shareholders thought fit to give them, they were entitled to all surplus assets in a winding up, subject to the preference capital being repaid and the capital paid up on the management shares being repaid. Ordinary shares conferred no right of voting whatever, Mr. Berkeley said.

Management shares conferred no right whatever in a winding up beyond the return of capital. Mr. Berkeley said that the directors of the Company were the four brothers for life, so long as each held his 25 management shares, and therefore ceased to be a director. The present directors of the Company were Christopher, Eric and Ralph.

Hearing is continuing.

MASKED MEN RAID HOUSE

Two masked men raided the home of a Chinese textile merchant at 33 Keeling Street, 1st floor shortly before dawn this morning and stole \$1,000 worth of cash and valuables.

It was still unknown how the men gained entry into the flat as there were no signs that the door to the flat was forced open. They were believed to have climbed up a drainage pipe to a window of the house.

Inside the house the men took \$700 from a pair of trousers, and then ransacked other parts of the house. Meanwhile, a woman in the house was aroused by the noise; she was threatened at the point of knife. The armed men opened the door and escaped.

Protest By B & K

Scotland and Wales or meetings with the population, which is a matter of regret.

Furthermore the previously proposed programme now omits many industrial places formerly included. The final programme handed over by the Foreign Office, included a visit to a Birmingham factory, but for some reason or other this has been omitted," they added.

"Bulgaria and Khrushchev, in their talk with the Tass correspondent, said they were deeply grateful to the hospitable British citizens for their kind invitations, but could not accept them since such visits are not included in the programme drawn up by the British side."

"Apparently there are still in Britain some forces who do not wish to permit wider contact between the Soviet leaders and the British population," the statement concluded.—Reuter.

Cyclist Thrown Into Harbour

A traffic accident occurred when motor cycle collided with private car at about 11.05 p.m. in Connaught Road West last night.

The cyclist, Leo Chau-foo 20, was thrown into the sea. He sustained slight injuries, but was saved by the nearby junk men.

The car and the motor cycle were both travelling towards Central when the accident occurred. When the private car stopped the cycle ran into its rear, rear mudguard.

From Our Files 100 Years Ago

FIRE BRIGADE

At a Public Meeting, convened by advertisement at the residence of Messrs Armstrong & Lawrence, on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1906, Messrs Shorrock, Laprak, Strachan, Brimelow, Duddell, Brown, Haskells, Bernhart, May, Bevan, Turner, Lawrence, Lane, Harding, Cohen, GrandPro, Dixon, Woods, Rytio, Stewart, Brown, J. Lawrence, Tatham, Brooks, Hoy, Roessing, Spence, Lorrain, Armstrong, Grackanthorpe, Boyle, and Drs Graham, and Wright, Hinam, Tamachoy, Yow-jem-oo, King-lao, Hee-lao, Hee-shoon, Chun-sing, Yung-sing, Chiu-tai, Chiu-tai, Chiu-tai, Lo-sum-yau, and Onke.

Mr Shorrock having been called to the Chair, and Mr Armstrong appointed Secretary. The Chairman said that the object of the meeting was to consider the public notice, the embodiment of a Fire-brigade. The utility of such a force was unquestionable, and he hoped the members would not begin by aiming at too much, but by starting with a few members of their number at first starting; for, once established, the force would be a force to be reckoned with, and an important public body. He would call on Mr May for his ideas on the subject.

LEGAL PROTECTION

My May said his opinions had already been expressed in the Circular sent round for signature, but he thought it would be very much increased the utility of the association that the members should be able to protect themselves in many circumstances presenting themselves at a scene of confusion and terror, and to become a very important public body. He would call on Mr May for his ideas on the subject.

PULLARIES

Mr Duddell called the attention of the meeting to the importance of the peculiarities of the great body of the community, who were predominantly Chinese in the matter of fire, their very forces and equipment being quite different from those of the West. He said that the Chinese were not only different in their equipment, but also in their attitude towards fire. He said that the Chinese were not only different in their equipment, but also in their attitude towards fire. He said that the Chinese were not only different in their equipment, but also in their attitude towards fire.

Sam Goldwyn Interview

Mr Samuel Goldwyn, Hollywood's world-famous moving-picture director and the "grand old man" of American film production will be featured over Radio-Union's Blue Network this evening in a quarter-hour interview to be heard by Hongkong listeners at 7.15.

During the feature interview Mr Goldwyn will, of course, give his impressions on this country and his recent travels, but the main portion of the interview will be devoted to stories of his life and experiences with many of the world's most popular film stars—those he has promoted, to fame including Will Rogers, Eddie Cantor, Ronald Coleman, Vilma Banky, Gary Cooper, Danny Kaye, Dana Andrews, Teresa Wright, Betty Grable, Paulette Goddard, Lucille Ball, David Niven, Virginia Bruce, Farley Granger, Virginia Mayo and others.

Crown Fails In Application

A Crown application to condemn 6,287 tons of gold seized on the ss Nellie last June was dismissed by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Giving his decision after a 1½-hour judgment, the Magistrate held that the gold did not fall within the statutory definition of gold and that no contravention or attempted contravention of any provision of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance had occurred.